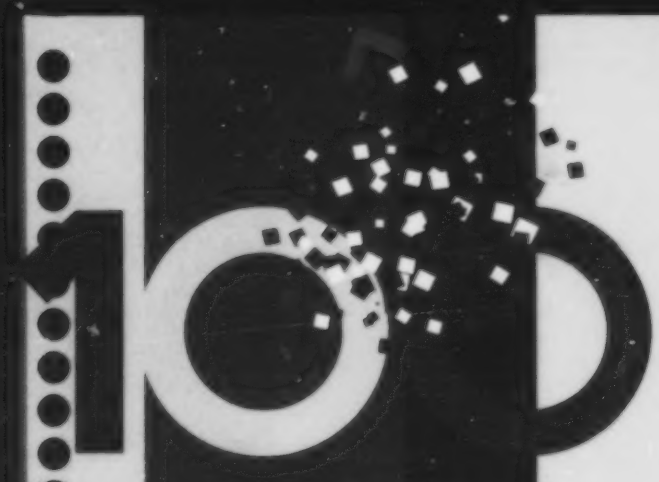

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Preface

Public Accounts, 2005-06

The Public Accounts of Alberta are prepared in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act* and the *Government Accountability Act*. The Public Accounts consist of the annual report of the Government of Alberta and the annual reports of each of the 24 ministries.

The annual report of the Government of Alberta released June 2006 contains the Minister of Finance's accountability statement, the consolidated financial statements of the province and a comparison of the actual performance results to desired results set out in the government's business plan, including the Measuring Up report.

This annual report of the Ministry of Community Development contains the Minister's accountability statement, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Ministry and a comparison of actual performance results to desired results set out in the Ministry business plan. This Ministry annual report also includes:

- **the financial statements of entities making up the Ministry including the Department of Community Development, regulated funds and provincial agencies for which the Minister is responsible; and**
- **other financial information as required by the *Financial Administration Act* and *Government Accountability Act*, either as separate reports or as a part of the financial statements, to the extent that the Ministry has anything to report.**

Minister's Accountability Statement

The Ministry's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2006, was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Government Accountability Act* and the government's accounting policies. All of the government's policy decisions as at September 6, 2006 with material economic or fiscal implications of which I am aware have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Denis Ducharme
Minister of Community Development
September 6, 2006

Message from the Minister

One hundred years ago on September 1, 1905 Alberta entered the Canadian Confederation. And in only a century, Alberta has grown into a diverse and welcoming home for more than three million people with promising futures ahead of them.

Many of the Ministry's accomplishments in 2005-06 are connected to Alberta's centennial. Our goal was to capture the success of our first century while creating a legacy that all Albertans can enjoy well into our second.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II stole the hearts of Albertans once again as she visited our province for the sixth time. During her centennial visit, she granted royal status to the Royal Alberta Museum. Along with a new name, a multi-year provincial centennial commitment of $150 million was made to expand and renew the Museum.

We also renewed the Government of Alberta's gift to the people for the province's 50th anniversary. The Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary re-opened after a 14-month and $72 million makeover. The new Jubes were focal points during the September 1 gala events.

The Ministry continued to provide grants to centennial community projects throughout Alberta. In addition to the $116.7 million previously awarded, $59 million was awarded to support the development of the Calgary Zoo's Project Discovery, the expansion of the Art Gallery of Alberta, and the construction of a historical square and grand entrance at Calgary Heritage Park.

Enjoying and learning about Alberta's natural heritage will continue to be a priority in our second century. In 2005-06, $8.1 million was spent on the construction of visitor centres in Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur and Cypress Hills provincial parks, and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park.

While we invested considerably in legacy projects, Alberta would not be the success it is without people committed to strengthening our communities. Approximately 8,000 Albertans received the Alberta Centennial Medal as a special honour for their contributions in enriching our quality of life.

The Ministry also planned a celebration worthy of a 100th birthday. On September 1, 2005 more than 250,000 individuals participated in AlbertaSpirit, a provincial celebration that was held at 12 locations in 10 communities and featured home grown musicians, artists and personalities. The event included a live television broadcast linking the 10 communities and culminated with incredible displays of fireworks.

This is only a short list of the many centennial events and programs involving the Ministry that took place in 2005-06. Many others are detailed within this annual report. I am proud Alberta Community Development was able to play an important role in making our centennial such a tremendous success.

Denis Ducharme

Denis Ducharme
Minister

Management's Responsibility for Reporting

The Ministry of Community Development includes the Department of Community Development and the agencies, boards, commissions, foundations and funds listed in the Ministry entities chart on page three.

The executives of the individual entities within the Ministry have the primary responsibility and accountability for the respective entities. Collectively, the executives ensure the Ministry complies with all relevant legislation, regulations and policies.

Ministry business plans, annual reports, performance results and the supporting management information are integral to the government's fiscal and business plans, annual report, quarterly reports and other financial and performance reporting.

Responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the consolidated financial statements and performance results for the Ministry rests with the Minister of Community Development. Under the direction of the Minister, I oversee the preparation of the Ministry's annual report, including consolidated financial statements and performance results. The consolidated financial statements and the performance results, of necessity, include amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the government's stated accounting policies.

As Deputy Minister, in addition to program responsibilities, I establish and maintain the Ministry's financial administration and reporting functions. The Ministry maintains systems of financial management and internal control, which give consideration to costs, benefits, and risks that are designed to:

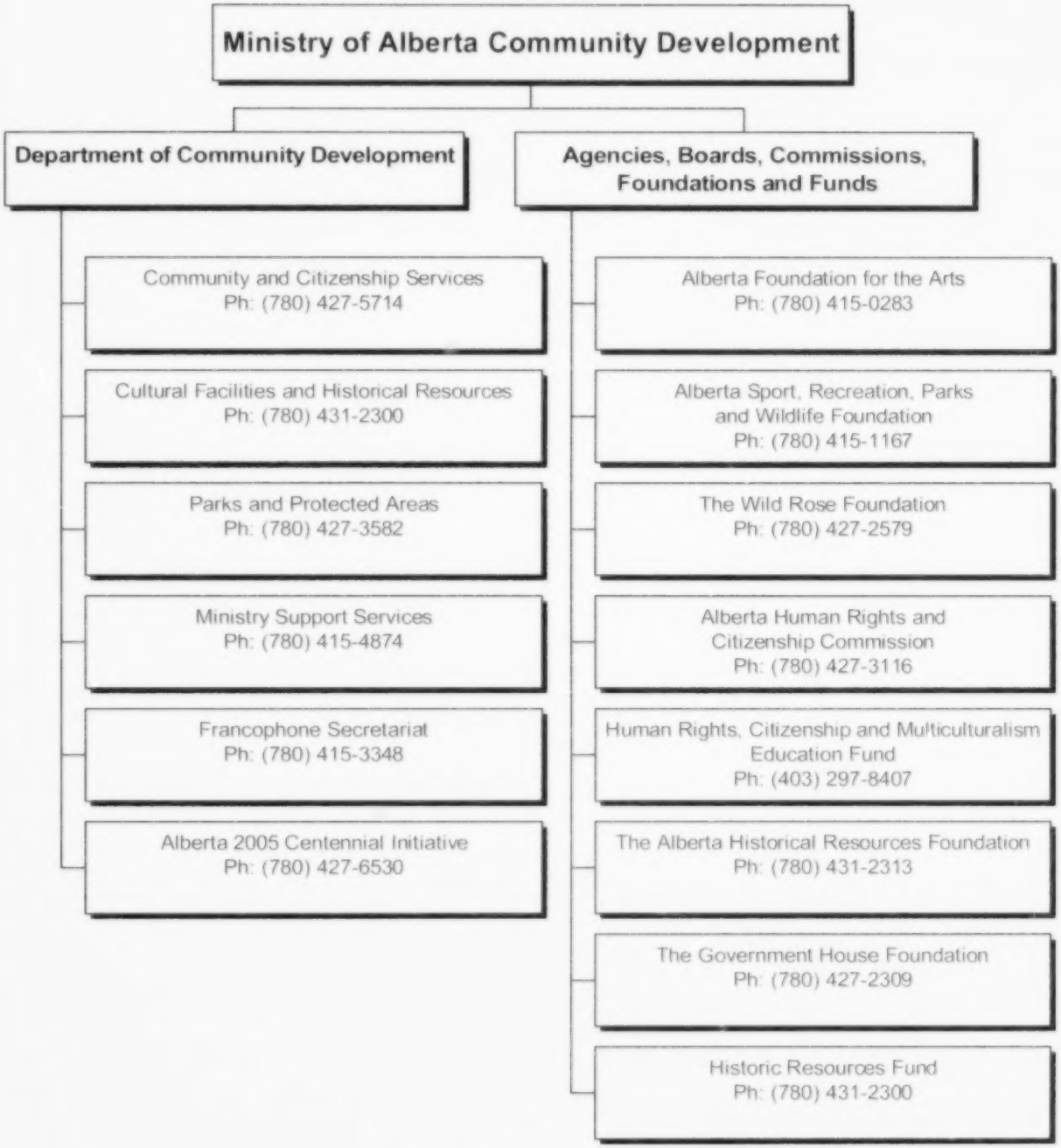
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, executed in accordance with prescribed legislation and regulations, and properly recorded so as to maintain accountability of public money;
- provide information to manage and report on performance;
- safeguard the assets and properties of the province under Ministry administration;
- provide Executive Council, Treasury Board, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Community Development any information needed to fulfill their responsibilities; and
- facilitate preparation of Ministry business plans and annual reports required under the *Government Accountability Act*.

In fulfilling my responsibilities for the Ministry, I have relied, as necessary, on the executive of the individual entities within the Ministry.

Fay Orr
Deputy Minister
September 6, 2006

Overview

Ministry Entities



The Ministry consists of the Department, agencies, boards, commissions, foundations and funds. The following description of the Ministry's structure provides an overview of the range of programs and services available to Albertans.

The Department

1. Community and Citizenship Services

The Community and Citizenship Services Division promotes community development activities within a wide range of community interests. The range of operations for the Division includes grant assistance programs, consultation and information services, facilitation and legislative compliance. The Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services Branch supports province-wide public library and information networks and Alberta's voluntary sector, assists Alberta communities and organizations through the provision of facilitation and skill development services, and provides operational support to the Division. The Sport and Recreation Branch encourages active, healthy lifestyles by promoting and supporting participation in sport and recreation. The Arts Branch supports creativity by working with artists, arts organizations and the cultural industries to provide opportunities to experience culture and make informed choices about the arts. The Human Rights and Citizenship Branch ensures the protection of human rights, promotes fairness and access and supports the inclusion of all Albertans.

2. Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources

The Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Division preserves, protects and presents Alberta's history and cultural heritage. In consultation and/or partnership with cooperating societies, the Division operates 18 provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres, the Provincial Archives of Alberta and the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria. It maintains a provincial heritage collection including historical and scientific artifacts, restored historical structures, historically significant land, archaeological and palaeontological sites and numerous archival records. The Division also provides advice and funding assistance to community-based preservation and presentation projects. In accordance with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*, the Division provides protection for significant resources through designation programs and regulation of the development industry. The Division operates five branches: Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities, Heritage Resource Management, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Royal Alberta Museum, and Royal Tyrrell Museum.

3. Parks and Protected Areas

The Parks and Protected Areas Division preserves, protects and presents Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas. The Division is responsible for Alberta's 521 provincial parks and protected areas, which includes: 69 provincial parks, one heritage rangeland, 32 wildland provincial parks, one wilderness park, three wilderness areas, 16 ecological reserves, 149 natural areas and 250 provincial recreation areas. This network protects over 27,500 square kilometres of the province as a legacy for future generations and provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and heritage tourism. The Division also maintains the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre, which is the province's biodiversity database, and coordinates Alberta's involvement in the Canadian Heritage Rivers Program.

4. Ministry Support Services

Ministry Support Services includes the Minister's Office, Deputy Minister's Office, Communications, Human Resources and Program Evaluation. It also includes the Strategic Corporate Services Division encompassing Strategic Financial Services, Planning and Performance Measurement, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Legislative Services and Information Management and Technology Services. Services are provided to the entire Ministry to optimize efficiency in the Ministry's operations.

5. Francophone Secretariat

In its role as a liaison between the government and Alberta's francophone community, the Francophone Secretariat clarifies and represents the needs of the francophone community within government and supports francophone organizations, communities and individuals in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, government sponsored initiatives promoting French language and culture. The Minister and Secretariat also participate in the negotiation of federal/provincial agreements relating to French language and culture, and represent the province and the francophone community at federal/provincial/territorial meetings.

6. Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative

The Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative was responsible for providing funding to support the development of Government of Alberta and community centennial legacy projects such as the renewal of the Jubilee Auditoria and the construction of cultural and recreational facilities. It was also responsible for planning Alberta's 100th anniversary celebrations. The Initiative worked to encourage and support communities as they planned special events and created other unique tributes to recognize our province's past, present and future. The Initiative was also responsible for planning key provincial celebrations, including a royal visit, and festivities to mark the province's September 1, 2005 birthday.

Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Foundations and Funds

1. Alberta Foundation for the Arts

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts provides funding to artists, arts organizations and the cultural industries to encourage the growth and development of the arts sector in Alberta. Grants from the Foundation help to provide opportunities for public participation in, and enjoyment of, the arts. The Foundation also promotes an appreciation for the arts as integral to Alberta's social, historical and economic development.

2. Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation facilitates opportunities for developing athletes who aspire to competitive excellence, promotes participation in sport and recreation as a means towards a healthy, active lifestyle and encourages the preservation and recreational use of the natural environment. The grants from the Foundation support organizations and individuals in the development of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife activities in the province.

3. Wild Rose Foundation

The Wild Rose Foundation supports Alberta's voluntary sector and promotes volunteerism through the provision of financial assistance, skills development and training, and recognition initiatives. The Foundation also provides grants to non-profit organizations for projects in developing countries.

4. Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission

The Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission is an independent Commission of the Government of Alberta, reporting through the Minister. The Commission protects human rights in Alberta by resolving complaints made under the *Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*. Human rights panels adjudicate complaints that cannot be resolved. The Commission also works to eliminate discrimination and barriers to full participation in society through education and other services.

5. Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund

The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund provides financial assistance to community organizations undertaking human rights and diversity initiatives and supports the human rights and equity education work of the Ministry. The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund Advisory Committee provides the Minister with advice on the use of the Education Fund, reviews grant applications and makes recommendations on grants to the Minister.

6. Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation provides grant assistance for community-based heritage initiatives across the province. These initiatives include conservation of historical buildings and main street heritage districts as well as development of interpretive markers, publications and educational projects. In addition, the Foundation holds historic designation hearings as required and is responsible for the naming of geographical features in Alberta.

7. Government House Foundation

The Government House Foundation cares for and promotes the interests of Government House, the former home of the Lieutenant Governors of the province of Alberta. The Foundation advises the Minister on the preservation of Government House as an historic site and building and enhances the physical attributes of Government House, including its works of art and furnishings.

8. Historic Resources Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to protect, enhance, promote and display Alberta's historic resources. This is done through funding programs designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and by promoting the use and development of related facilities.

ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM
DESIGNATED BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON
MAY 24, 2005 IN CELEBRATION OF ALBERTA'S CENTENNIAL

The Queen designates the Provincial Museum of Alberta as the Royal Alberta Museum

Operational Overview

The Ministry had a successful year in 2005-06. Many accomplishments were realized through effective partnerships, a dedicated volunteer base, strong support for the government's cross-ministry initiatives and the activities of engaged Albertans, communities and Ministry staff. Detailed accomplishments are provided in the Results Analysis Section.

Vision

A superior quality of life reflecting fair, inclusive, and active communities engaged in valuing Alberta's cultural, historical, and natural heritage.

Mission

To preserve and present Alberta's cultural and natural heritage, and promote community development, fairness and an inclusive society.

Core Businesses and Goals

The Ministry organizes delivery of its programs and services around the following three core businesses:

Core Business 1: **Support individuals and organizations through community development.**

Goal 1 Work in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.

Core Business 2: **Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion and participation of all Albertans.**

Goal 2 Increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity; foster equality and help prevent discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province.

Core Business 3: **Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas.**

Goal 3 Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.

Goal 4 Maintain and enhance Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Strategic Priorities

The strategic priorities described below have been identified through the Ministry's review of external and internal challenges. These are in addition to the important ongoing core activities of the Ministry and are of primary importance in focusing the Ministry on achieving its goals:

1. Quality of Life **Linkage: Goals 1, 2, 3, 4**	Building appreciation and understanding of the value of active and inclusive communities, cultural, historical and natural heritage to advancing quality of life.
2. Infrastructure Renewal **Linkage: Goals 3 and 4**	Upgrading, renewing and maintaining infrastructure for provincial parks, protected areas, historic sites, museums and interpretive centres.
3. Alberta Centennial **Linkage: Goals 1, 3 and 4**	Providing opportunities for Albertans to participate in the commemoration of the 2005 Centennial, and leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.
4. Capacity Building **Linkage: Goals 1 and 2**	Increasing local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, film, sport and recreation, libraries, the voluntary sector and human rights.
5. Inclusive Communities **Linkage: Goal 2**	Fostering equality, supporting the reduction of discrimination and barriers to full participation in society for everyone in Alberta, and supporting the development of inclusive communities.

Support for Government of Alberta Goals

In 2005-06, the Ministry supported the realization of the Government of Alberta's four key opportunities in the areas of unleashing innovation, leading in learning, competing in a global marketplace and making Alberta the best place to live, work and visit. Specifically, the Ministry concentrated its efforts on fostering a quality of life that is enriched by arts, culture, sport and recreation, libraries, the voluntary sector, human rights and by a natural environment and cultural heritage that is protected and preserved for future generations. These efforts are aligned with goals 10, 12 and 14 of the government's 2005-08 Strategic Business Plan, which includes 14 strategies and five performance measures from the Ministry's business plan.

The Ministry also supported the following Government of Alberta Medium-Term Strategies: Alberta Biodiversity Strategy, Alberta Tobacco Reduction Strategy, Climate Change Strategy, Integrated Land Management Program, Land Use Policy Framework, Northern Development Strategy, Rural Development Strategy, Strategic Approach to K-12 Curriculum, Strategy for Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying, Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management Framework, and Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability.

Performance Highlights

In 2005-06, the Ministry continued to play an important role in achieving a superior quality of life for Albertans. The majority of the Ministry's performance targets were achieved and the results for 10 out of 13 performance measures were equal to or greater than results from the previous year. Results may be influenced by factors beyond the Ministry's control, such as lifestyle choices, demographic changes and disposable income.

The Ministry's efforts to advance quality of life were realized through consecutive increases in adult Albertans' participation in arts and cultural activities, and a renewed interest in volunteerism. There was also an increase in the usage of public library services in 2005-06.

Visitors to the Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres continued to express high satisfaction with their experiences. In addition, revenue generated from these sites and facilities made a substantial economic contribution to the province, with a $6 million increase in value-added economic impact from the previous year. Visitor satisfaction at provincial parks and recreation areas increased for the second consecutive year, meeting the 91 per cent target.

In addition to the achievements highlighted in the Minister's and Deputy Minister's messages, the Ministry had a number of other accomplishments:

- The Ministry was recognized with a silver 2006 Premier's Award of Excellence for its Customer Service Information System and a bronze award for its exhibition of Life and Times of the Motorcycle at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum. The Ministry was a participating member of cross-ministry teams for: A New Facility for the Provincial Archives of Alberta, a bronze award winner; Supporting Immigrants and Immigration to Alberta, a gold award winner; and Alberta's Bullying Prevention Public Awareness and Education Campaign, a bronze award winner.

- The creative talent of more than 600 Alberta artists, actors, musicians, writers, dancers and chefs was showcased in Ottawa during the first ever Alberta Scene arts festival.

- The talent of Alberta musicians was featured in 10 communities across the province as part of Alberta Tracks: A Centennial Music Celebration. Alberta Tracks presented a line-up of six diverse acts, and each concert offered a mix of musical styles, from classical pieces to alternative rock and contemporary country.

- A mammoth steel time capsule captured Albertans' memories and mementos on a province-wide tour offering more than 200 communities a chance to help mark Alberta's 100th birthday. The capsule will spend the next 100 years at the Royal Alberta Museum.

- The Ministry successfully launched a multi-faceted 2005 marketing campaign – Celebrate! Alberta Great – to celebrate Alberta's centennial and promote its cultural facilities and historic sites. This campaign was a finalist in the 2005 Travel Alberta Tourism Awards.

- Free admission was provided to provincial museums and historic sites, and free camping was provided in provincial parks and recreation areas on September 1st in celebration of Alberta's centennial.

- The Ministry provided $1.5 million towards preparing to feature Alberta at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. to increase awareness and appreciation of Alberta culture, market Alberta as a tourism destination and support economic development.

- Support was provided to 450 young athletes and coaches to compete at the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina. Team Alberta won 100 medals in the 16 events, a best-ever result in this competition.

- Ministry staff met with municipal and library system boards across the province to explore opportunities to improve rural library service.

- The Film Classification Appeal of Rating Policy was developed to streamline the process of handling appeals from movie distributors who are dissatisfied with the classification given by the Ministry.

- The Ministry developed the publication Duty to Accommodate Students with Disabilities in Post-secondary Educational Institutions. Client and stakeholder consultation played an important role in the development of this plain language educational resource for students, faculty and staff at post-secondary institutions.

- Ministry staff worked on issues involving family violence and violence against women, particularly through the Interdepartmental Committee on Family Violence and Bullying.

- The Ministry returned the first of the sacred ceremonial objects housed at the Royal Alberta Museum to First Nations in Alberta for active ceremonial use.

- The Ministry's heritage facilities received a number of awards: the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village was recognized with an award from the Alberta Museums Association for its On Site Driving Tours for Mobility Impaired Seniors Program, the Travel Alberta's Alberta Pride ALTO Award and a Five out of Five Blooms National Award from Communities in Bloom; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump received the Sustainable Tourism ALTO Award for the Tipi Camping Program; and the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium was a finalist for the Performing Arts Venue of the Year, awarded by the Canadian Music Industry.

- The exhibit Finders: A Century of Fossil Hunting in Alberta was opened at the Royal Tyrrell Museum to profile fossil hunters and specimens found in Alberta over the past 100 years. The Museum also hosted a Dinosaur Park Symposium that brought together national and international palaeontologists, geologists and palaeontological enthusiasts who recognize the vital role of Dinosaur Provincial Park.

- Nine individuals and organizations were honoured and recognized for their dedication in helping to protect Alberta's natural landscape and heritage at the 2005 Alberta Parks Volunteer Conference.

- Wildlife habitat was protected by permanently closing public access to certain areas of Bow Valley Wildland Provincial Park and Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park in Kananaskis Country. The closures will provide a natural barrier between people and wildlife by limiting human use to one side of the wildlife corridor.

- A new provincial park was established in honour of the former Lieutenant Governor, Lois Hole. This internationally renowned region is known for the nesting and migration of waterfowl and shorebirds.

- Construction started on the *Centre de santé Saint-Thomas Health Centre* in Edmonton, which will include a 200-person aging-in-place complex and a bilingual community primary health centre. This Centre addresses an important need among Francophones in Edmonton to access primary health care services in French.

- The *Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta* officially became a Provincial Arts Service Organization. Among the 10 organizations, it is the only francophone association and represents seven artistic sectors.

Financial Highlights

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2006

(millions of dollars)

2005-06 Financial Analysis

	Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Total Revenues	$ 122.8	$ 125.1	$ 2.3	Increase primarily related to sale of deaccessioned collections at the Glenbow Museum and additional revenues generated by the Jubilee Auditoria.
Expenses				
Operating	246.8	294.3	(47.5)	Increased expenses primarily due to one-time funding for libraries, centennial grants, and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival; partially offset by decreased funding available for the Alberta NHL Teams Initiative (NHL lockout), and no divestitures of provincial parks or recreation areas.
Statutory	0.2	15.7	(15.5)	Increase related to the provision for environmental obligations.
Equipment Inventory Purchases	3.6	6.5	(2.9)	Increased equipment purchases at various historic sites and provincial parks and protected areas, construction of heritage preservation markers and further development of the Heritage Resource Management Information System (HeRMIS).
Capital Investment	41.2	34.8	6.4	Due to construction delays, some of the expenditures for the Canmore Nordic Centre, Centennial Interpretive Centres, and parks water and sewage projects were deferred to the next fiscal year.
Total Expenses	$ 291.8	$ 351.3	$ (59.5)	

Revenues

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

(millions of dollars)

Revenues increased by $21 million from the prior year and totalled $125.1 million in 2005-06. The primary source of revenue consists of $99.6 million in internal government transfers from the Lottery Fund. This represents a net increase of $13.8 million over the prior year primarily for additional centennial grants, partially offset by a decrease in lottery funding provided for various branch operations in the Department.

Transfers from the Government of Canada amounted to $1.8 million, primarily to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative and to promote official languages through the Canada-Alberta Agreement on French Language Services. This represents an increase of $0.3 million from the prior year used mainly to assist with the acquisition of a 1946 SG-VI Grey Gull Helicopter, which was the first helicopter designed, fabricated and certified in Canada.

The Ministry's funds and agencies generated $1.4 million in investment income, which represents an increase of $0.5 million in interest earnings over the prior year. Premiums, fees and licences generated $8.8 million and include admission, camping and film classification fees. The $1 million increase from the prior year is primarily related to increased revenues from camping activity at provincial parks and attendance at various museums and historic sites.

Other revenue totals $13.5 million and includes revenue from donations, contributions in kind, sales, refunds of expenses and other miscellaneous revenues. This revenue reflected an increase of $5.4 million from the prior year primarily due to the inclusion of the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria operations, sale of deaccessioned collections at the Glenbow Museum, and increased cash and in-kind donations at various historic sites and cultural facilities.

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Internal Government Transfers	$ 99.6	$ 99.6	$ 85.8
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1.9	1.8	1.5
Investment Income	1.6	1.4	0.9
Premiums, Fees and Licences	9.0	8.8	7.8
Other Revenue	10.7	13.5	8.1
Total Revenues	$ 122.8	$ 125.1	$ 104.1

Expenses

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS
(millions of dollars)

Operating and statutory expenses increased by $108.3 million from the prior year and totalled $310 million in 2005-06.

Nearly 40 per cent of the Ministry's operating expenses relate to the core business *Support individuals and organizations through community development*. The focus is on enhancing the quality of life in Alberta by strengthening community capacity in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector. In 2005-06, there were increased expenses of $30.3 million. This is primarily related to one-time assistance of $20 million for the enhancement of public library programs and services; financial support for a film production on the World War I Battle of Passchendaele in honour of the Year of the Veteran and Alberta's 2005 Centennial; and funding to feature Alberta at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.

Two per cent of the operating resources were used for the core business *Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans*. Services are provided to resolve and adjudicate human rights complaints, reduce discrimination, and increase awareness and appreciation of our diversity. In 2005-06, there were increased expenses of $0.3 million due primarily to the increased complexity of human rights complaint investigations.

The remaining 58 per cent of operating expenditures relate to the core business *Preserve, protect, and present Alberta's history, culture and provincial parks and protected areas*. This core business provides opportunities for exploration, understanding and appreciation of Alberta's past, cultural resources, and the province's natural heritage. In 2005-06, there were increased expenses

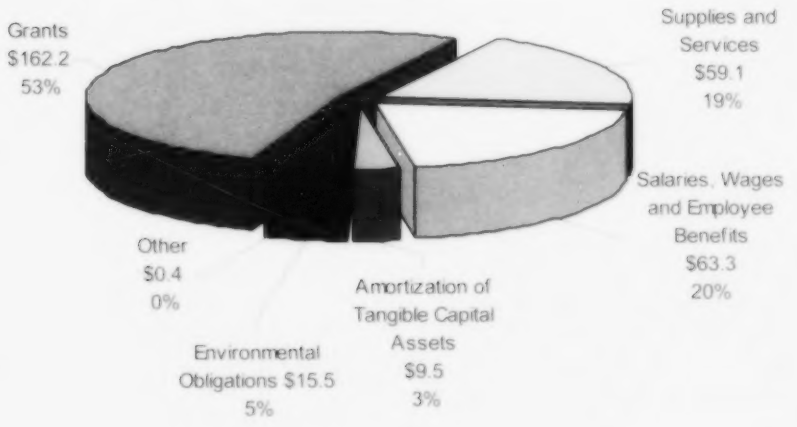
of $77.7 million. This is due primarily to additional grants related to the Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative; meeting environmental obligations; increased costs for parks operations; and inclusion of the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria operations in the Ministry financial statements.

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	$ 101.1	$ 123.3	$ 93.0
Protect Human Rights, Promote Fairness and Access, and Support the Protection, Inclusion, and Participation of all Albertans	6.1	6.1	5.8
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History, Culture and Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	139.8	180.6	102.9
Total Expense by Core Business	$ 247.0	$ 310.0	$ 201.7

EXPENSE BY OBJECT
(millions of dollars)

The Ministry's greatest operating expense was grants, where 52 per cent of the budget is directed. Approximately $162.2 million was awarded in 2005-06 to support individuals, organizations and communities, including $53.9 million in centennial grants. Expenditures for salaries, wages and employee benefits totalled $63.3 million, and were primarily for staffing parks and protected areas and heritage facilities. The remainder of the Ministry's expenses were for supplies and services ($59.1 million), amortization of tangible capital assets ($9.5 million), environmental obligations ($15.5 million) and other expenses ($0.4 million).

Operating expense by object - $310.0 million



EXPENSE BY FUNCTION

(millions of dollars)

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
Protection of Persons and Property	$ 6.1	$ 6.1	$ 5.8
Recreation and Culture	240.9	303.9	195.9
Total Expense by Function	$ 247.0	$ 310.0	$ 201.7

Expense by function identifies the principal purpose for which an expense is incurred rather than the activity involved. This basis of reporting is used for inter-provincial comparisons and for determining federal funding eligibility.

The function *protection of persons and property* includes expenses for human rights services provided specifically to ensure public interest objectives are achieved. The function *recreation and culture* includes programs and services related to recreation, sport, culture, historical artifacts and sites, museums, libraries, and provincial parks and protected areas. It also includes provincial grants for related capital infrastructure.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

The Ministry made a capital investment of $34.8 million primarily related to the refurbishment of the Canmore Nordic Centre, construction of centennial interpretive centres, and upgrades to various parks' water and sewage systems. As well, a further $6.5 million was spent on equipment purchases primarily for the centennial interpretive centres and various historic sites throughout the province.

Further financial information can be found in the Integrated Results Analysis Section of this report.

Results Analysis

Message from the Deputy Minister

The 2005-06 year was a remarkable year for Community Development and the Albertans we serve.

While the centennial is a theme prevalent throughout our accomplishments, Community Development continued to contribute to the cultural identity, health, well being and economic prosperity of Alberta in 2005-06.

These contributions are a result of many talented, dedicated and enthusiastic staff. The Ministry met the challenge of providing the quality services we are known for while seizing the opportunity to lead many of Alberta's centennial celebrations and projects.

The Ministry began the process to create a unified and inclusive cultural policy for the province. We talked to people stretching across cultural boundaries, including the Aboriginal community and new Canadians. When complete, the policy will encompass our cultural, historical and natural heritage and present Albertans' perceptions of culture and quality of life.

Libraries were allocated $20 million in one-time funding to enhance programs and services. This was the largest one-time funding provision ever from the Ministry to libraries, helping them continue to further lifelong learning and support strong and healthy communities.

Our voluntary services team offered workshops and consultations to more than 13,000 Albertans from government, rural and urban voluntary sector organizations and agencies. These organizations were helped to work toward self reliance and sustainability, establish sound governance policies and procedures, focus on results and celebrate successes.

To help increase awareness of human rights and prevent discrimination in the workplace, approximately 90 workshops were held with employees and employers. In addition, stakeholder consultations were held in communities across Alberta to help guide future directions for human rights and diversity initiatives.

We released a report on the economic benefits of our cultural facilities and historic sites. The report shows that each year visitors to these facilities have an economic impact of $24 million on local communities and the facilities generate more than 1,100 fulltime jobs.

Our parks and historic sites staff responded admirably and professionally last June when we had to evacuate and close several sites in southern Alberta due to flooding.

Provincial parks and recreation areas benefited from over $31 million to repair and replace deteriorating park infrastructure and to ensure that a safe and secure drinking water supply is maintained. This funding helped restore the facilities that visitors use most. Picnic tables and fires pits were repaired, campsites were levelled and regravelled and buildings were repainted.

Work is almost complete on the Canmore Nordic Centre's $23.1 million renewal. The facility hosted the Alberta Centennial World Cup in December, a cross country ski event televised for a worldwide audience. The updated centre will also benefit Albertans by providing even better recreational ski and summer sport opportunities.

Further achievements from 2005-06 are detailed throughout this report. Looking ahead, Community Development will continue to strive for excellence and deliver programs that promote a superior quality of life and make Alberta the best place to live, work and visit.

Fay Orr
Deputy Minister

Dusk at the Alberta Legislature on September 1, 2005

AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Report of the Auditor General on the Results of Applying Specified Auditing Procedures to Performance Measures

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

Management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the performance results included in the *Ministry of Community Development's 2005-2006 Annual Report*. My responsibility is to carry out the following specified auditing procedures on performance measures in the annual report. I verified:

Completeness

1. Performance measures and targets matched those included in Budget 2005. Actual results are presented for all performance measures.

Reliability

2. Information in reports from external organizations, such as Statistics Canada, matched information that the Ministry used to calculate the actual results.

3. Information in reports that originated in the Ministry matched information that the Ministry used to calculate the actual results. In addition, I tested the processes the Ministry used to compile the results.

Comparability and Understandability

4. Actual results are presented clearly and consistently with the stated methodology and are presented on the same basis as targets and prior years' information.

I found no exceptions when I performed these procedures.

As my examination was limited to these procedures, I do not express an opinion on whether the set of measures is relevant and sufficient to assess the performance of the Ministry in achieving its goals.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
August 3, 2006

Strategic Priorities

1. Quality of Life (Linkage: Goals 1, 2, 3 and 4)

The Ministry worked to build appreciation and understanding of the value of active and inclusive communities, and cultural, historical and natural heritage to advancing quality of life. Approximately $9 million in support was provided to provincial sport and recreation associations, active living agencies and community-based projects to promote healthy and active lifestyles, and advance sport and recreation in the province. A draft cultural policy was developed for the province which adopts a broad definition of culture and promotes inclusiveness in Alberta communities. The Ministry's provincial parks and recreation areas, museums, interpretive centres and historic sites continued to provide a wide range of opportunities to discover the province's rich heritage and cultural offerings.

2. Infrastructure Renewal (Linkage: Goals 3, and 4)

Upgrading, renewing and maintaining infrastructure for provincial parks, recreation areas, historic sites, museums and interpretive centres remained a priority. Funding was provided to provincial parks and recreation areas to repair, restore and revitalize infrastructure, including picnic tables, fire pits, campsites, buildings and water and sewage systems. Building and landscape renewal also took place at the Ministry's historic sites and cultural facilities, including extensive renovations of the Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary.

3. Alberta Centennial (Linkage: Goals 1, 3 and 4)

The Ministry provided opportunities for Albertans to participate in the commemoration of Alberta's 2005 centennial and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Over 1,900 events took place throughout the province involving thousands of participants and hundreds of volunteers. The Ministry continued to support projects with enduring value, including the renewal of the Royal Alberta Museum, the construction of new interpretive centres at four provincial parks and community cultural and recreation facilities across Alberta. Grants totalling $59 were awarded to support the development of the Calgary Zoo's Project Discovery, the expansion of the Art Gallery of Alberta and the construction of a historical square and grand entrance at Calgary Heritage Park.

4. Capacity Building (Linkage: Goals 1 and 2)

The Ministry worked to increase local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, film, sport and recreation, libraries, the voluntary sector and human rights. Libraries were allocated $20 million in one-time funding to enhance programs and services. This was the largest one-time funding provision ever from the Ministry to libraries. Ministry staff provided consultation, coaching, facilitation, organizational/board development and training to communities and community organizations across the province. In 2005-06, 275 consultations, facilitations and workshops were held in rural Alberta, and 48 grants representing over $1.4 million were awarded to rural non-profit voluntary sector organizations.

5. Inclusive Communities (Linkage: Goal 2)

Supporting the development of inclusive communities and the reduction of discrimination continued to be a priority for the Ministry. Workshops were held with employees and employers across the province to help increase awareness of human rights and to prevent discrimination in the workplace. The Ministry also conducted stakeholder consultations in various communities to help guide future directions for human rights and diversity initiatives. Approximately $855,000 was provided to community organizations to support educational initiatives that help reduce racism and discrimination. The importance of recognizing the benefits of diversity and of building an inclusive and respectful society were promoted through initiatives such as the Help Make a Difference campaign.

Core Businesses, Goals, Strategies and Performance Measures

Core Business 1

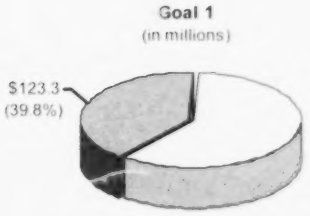
Support individuals and organizations through community development

Work in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Working with organizations and communities to strengthen their capacity to enhance and further develop the areas of arts and culture, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector by providing financial support, consultation, information, education and facilitation services.
- Working with individuals to increase their potential to contribute to activities that enhance quality of life.
- Providing support to key activities such as: promoting participation in arts and cultural activities; furthering a province-wide library system and information network through Alberta SuperNet; participating in the Active Living Strategy and affirming the actions of the Alberta Sport Plan; advancing the voluntary sector through organizational and volunteer development; and delivering the Film Development and Film Classification Programs.
- Providing financial and consultative support through the Alberta Foundation for the Arts; the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation; and the Wild Rose Foundation.
- Serving as a liaison between the government and the francophone community in Alberta.



Goal 1 - Supporting individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector consumed 39.8% ($123.3 million) of the Ministry's 2005-06 operating expense.

Achievements

STRATEGY 1.1

Initiate the development of a unified and inclusive cultural policy, which encompasses Alberta's cultural, historical and natural heritage through a broadly based consultation process with Albertans.

STRATEGY 1.2

Work with stakeholders and other government entities to assist with developing the capacity of the voluntary sector and communities of Alberta to further mutual goals and a shared vision.

In support of a province rich in cultural diversity, the Ministry led the development of draft cultural policy that encompasses the arts, our natural landscape, human rights, heritage, sport and recreation, cultural facilities and libraries. Consultations with stakeholders took place across Alberta, including targeted discussions with new Albertans and the Aboriginal community, to help understand Albertans' perceptions of culture and quality of life.

The Ministry provided capacity-enhancing workshops and consultations to more than 13,000 Albertans from government, rural and urban voluntary sector organizations, and agencies that serve the voluntary sector. These organizations were helped to work toward self reliance and sustainability, establish sound governance policies and procedures, focus on results and celebrate successes. The Ministry also trained 19 volunteer instructors to deliver workshops to non-profit boards.

More than $4.8 million in grants were provided to approximately 150 non-profit organizations through the Wild Rose Foundation to support programs and projects that respond to community needs. Additionally, almost $600,000 was provided to non-profit organizations and municipalities to support the enhancement of the voluntary sector in Alberta. As well, through the Ministry's Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program, grants totalling $79,500 were provided to support youth volunteerism in Alberta.

INTERESTING FACT

Of the 514 projects completed in the area of facilitation, skill development, and public participation, 35 per cent of projects involved jointly working with rural and urban areas, 37 per cent involved working with rural areas and 28 per cent involved working with urban areas.

The Ministry supported Vitalize 2005, a provincial voluntary sector conference, which brought together over 1,000 delegates from more than 130 communities. Over 80 sessions were offered to address the educational needs of the voluntary sector. Support was also provided for youth and mentors to attend the event.

AlbertaSpirit Gala at the Jubilee Auditorium

STRATEGY 1.3

Engage in a public review process to ensure provincial public library policy and existing legislation reflects emerging trends in service delivery.

The Ministry conducted a public review process that led to proposed amendments to the *Libraries Act*. The amendments focus on simplifying financial reporting requirements, establishing joint boards to serve more than one municipality, and specifying terms and conditions for dissolution or amalgamation of municipal library boards in the event of municipal amalgamation or dissolution.

Staff continued the library audit process as part of the provincial library needs assessment process. Audits were carried out in Forestburg, Daysland, Amisk, Alliance, Provost, Provost Municipal District, Hardesty, Rimbey, Innisfail and Blackfalds in the Parkland Regional Library System area, and in Hussar and Cochrane in the Marigold Library System area. The Ministry also completed A Study of Public Library Service Needs of On-Reserve First Nations People in Alberta that resulted in a series of recommendations regarding on-reserve public library services.

STRATEGY 1.4

Maximize public library service potential provided by the Alberta SuperNet connection.

The Ministry continued to facilitate access to the Alberta SuperNet for public libraries. Approximately 77 per cent of Alberta public libraries (240 out of 310) are now able to provide Internet service to Albertans.

STRATEGY 1.5

Provide consultative services and access to financial resources to artists, arts organizations and cultural industries such as film development, magazine and book publishing and sound recording to enable public participation and appreciation of the arts.

The Ministry provided almost $20 million to arts organizations and artists to support activities in the literary, performing and visual arts. A further $12.8 million was provided to support film development. Funding was provided for Alberta's major performing arts companies, arts festivals, public art galleries, community theatres, music productions, publishing, sound recording, film production and writing.

More than $80,000 was provided in support of the arts camps component of the Alberta's Future Leaders Program for Aboriginal Youth to encourage awareness of the arts in Aboriginal communities. Ministry staff also conducted focus groups and completed interviews with Aboriginal artists across the province to determine their needs and to identify ways to increase their participation in the arts.

STRATEGY 1.6

Classify films prior to public exhibition in Alberta and promote the film rating system to Albertans.

In 2005-06, Ministry staff classified 989 films prior to public exhibition. The film classification process generated more than $600,000 in revenue.

Ministry staff continued to work with clients and stakeholders to promote Alberta's film rating system. Posters and bookmarks highlighting the Ministry's website albertafilmratings.ca were distributed across the province and various speaking engagements were held to promote the website.

DID YOU KNOW?

How films were classified:

- G - 170 films
- PG - 431 films
- 14A - 294 films
- 18A - 81 films
- R - 13 films

STRATEGY 1.7

Collaborate with communities to promote healthy recreational and active living activities and to encourage the preservation and public use of the natural environment and community recreation areas.

The Ministry maintained its commitment to supporting a strong and healthy Alberta by promoting active lifestyles and supporting sport and recreation opportunities. Provincial sport and recreation associations and active living agencies were assisted in providing programs and services to Albertans through the provision of $8.4 million in funding. In addition, approximately 280 grants totalling more than $600,000 were provided for various provincial and community based projects in the areas of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife. Participation in sport for under-represented groups (e.g., girls, women, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities) was enhanced by providing approximately $100,000 in grants to provincial sport and recreation associations for programs involving these groups.

INTERESTING FACT

190 Alberta athletes, coaches and staff participated in the 2006 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Torino, Italy -

- 93 Olympians
- 5 Paralympians
- 85 Olympic coaches and staff
- 7 Paralympic staff

The Ministry approved more than 260 Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas grants across the province to ensure that outdoor public facilities are maintained as safe and useable and to enable communities to improve local amenities and encourage tourism.

The Ministry partnered with 20 provincial sport and recreation associations and active living agencies to integrate the Live Outside the Box theme into their programs. For example, the Calgary Be Fit Life Centre staged a Live Outside the Box Health Fair Day in four high-needs junior high schools and Alberta Speed Skating toured the province with Learn to Speed Skate clinics.

In partnership with provincial and federal agencies, communities and private businesses, the Ministry facilitated the delivery of the Alberta's Future Leaders Program to 12 Aboriginal communities. Opportunities were provided for youth to participate in summer sport and recreation programming, provincial leadership retreats and arts camps. More than 3,500 hours of sport and recreation programming were provided.

STRATEGY 1.8

Work with local, provincial, national and international agencies to support athletic achievement through joint planning, consultation and financial assistance.

The Ministry continued to provide opportunities for Alberta's developing athletes to participate in various provincial and national competitions, including the World Masters Games, the Arctic Winter Games and the Canada Summer Games. The City of Edmonton was provided with the final $1.3 million of a $4 million commitment to support the 2005 World Masters Games, and over $460,000 was provided to assist with training for the 2006 Arctic Winter Games and the 2005 Canada Summer Games. Financial and consultative support was provided to the 2006 Alberta Winter Games in Edson, Hinton, Jasper and Yellowhead County, which attracted more than 2,000 young Albertans, coaches and officials.

INTERESTING FACT

Team Alberta wrapped up the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina, Saskatchewan by reaching the 100 medal milestone:

- 29 gold medals
- 34 silver medals
- 37 bronze medals

The Ministry approved 95 Hosting Grants totalling $389,000 for provincial sport and recreation associations and for local clubs and organizations to host western Canadian, national and international events in Alberta.

The achievements, performances and contributions of amateur athletes were recognized by the Ministry. Awards were presented for Alberta's Athlete and Team of the Year, and recognition was given to outstanding officials, coaches and sport volunteers who devoted their time and effort to the development of sport in Alberta.

Alberta Centennial World Cup

STRATEGY 1.9

Showcase Alberta talent and recognize the contribution of Albertans at special events held to mark Alberta's centennial.

The Ministry recognized 100 influential Albertans with the Alberta Centennial Salute for Sport and Recreation Award for their commitment and contributions to the development of sport and recreation in Alberta. Recipients were chosen from communities across the province for having an impact on the lives of others through their involvement in sport and recreation.

STRATEGY 1.10

Utilize support from the renegotiated 2005-09 Canada-Alberta Agreement on French Language Services to foster development of the francophone community and collaboration with other ministries on community priorities such as arts and culture, heritage preservation, and early childhood and health related services, and foster the development of a youth initiative within the francophone community through support provided from a new Alberta/Quebec Cooperation Agreement.

A number of activities related to health, children's services, heritage preservation, arts and culture, economic development and immigration were undertaken in support of the francophone community. In particular, the Ministry worked to improve the provision of health services in French in the Edmonton and Peace regions. It also assisted with establishing new francophone junior kindergarten programs, promoted tolerance, supported the implementation and maintenance of heritage preservation and history, facilitated the integration and settlement of French speaking immigrants, and promoted tourism from francophone regions and countries.

The Ministry also supported the *Association La Girandole* in the delivery of training sessions to young professional dancers. This project helped the dancers develop leadership qualities and contributed to fostering amateur and professional dance initiatives across the province, particularly among young francophones.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta's French speaking population is the fastest growing outside Quebec. As of 2001, there were approximately 205,000 French speaking Albertans.

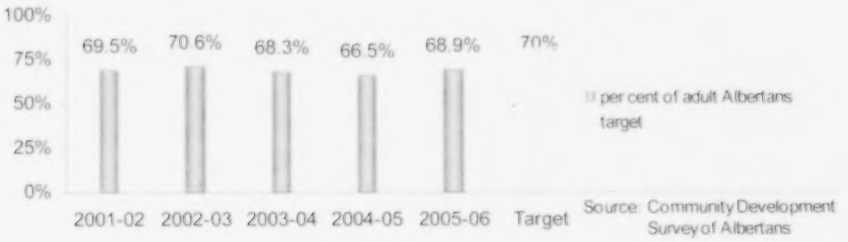
- Statistics Canada

Performance Measures

MEASURE 1.A

Level of community volunteerism by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who volunteer



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

Description

This measure represents the percentage of adult Albertans who make an unpaid contribution of time, energy and/or talents to charitable or non-profit organizations, causes, community development activities or help through personal initiatives to individuals.

Results

The percentage of adult Albertans who reported that they volunteer increased to 68.9 per cent in 2005-06, progressing toward the target of 70 per cent.

Analysis

The Ministry continued to support the voluntary sector by providing funding for non-profit organizations and through the delivery of leadership training and capacity enhancing workshops and consultations. The Ministry also recognized the importance of volunteers at events such as National Volunteer Week and the Stars of the Millennium Volunteer Awards.

Factors such as the awareness of the benefits of volunteering and personal circumstances related to age, lifestyle and economic conditions may influence volunteer levels. The target for this measure was reduced to 69 per cent in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on an average of results for the last three years, plus a one per cent stretch factor. It is expected that work on a new Voluntary Sector Framework will address issues such as recruitment challenges and may have a positive impact on the level of volunteerism in future years.

INTERESTING FACT

Volunteers in Alberta spend an average of 13 hours per month doing volunteer work.

- Community Development Survey of Albertans

DID YOU KNOW?

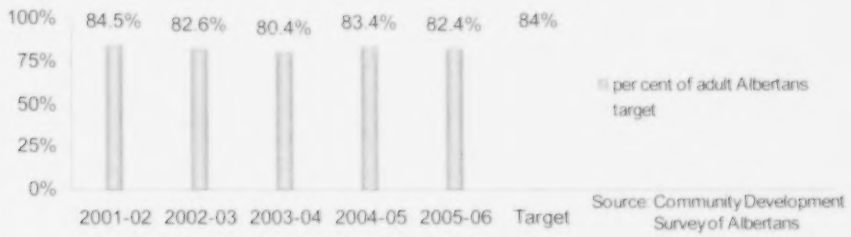
The main reason respondents were not able to volunteer is that they did not have enough time or were too busy (58 per cent).

- Community Development Survey of Albertans

MEASURE 1.B

Participation in sport and recreational activities by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who participate in sport and recreational activities



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who participate in sport and recreational activities in a given year. Respondents were asked if they had participated in a recreational activity such as walking, bicycling, skiing, golfing, skating, swimming or amateur sports in the past year.

Results

The percentage of adult Albertans who participated in sport and recreational activities decreased to 82.4 per cent in 2005-06, only one per cent lower than in the previous year, but still two per cent higher than in 2003-04.

Analysis

The Ministry continued to promote healthy and active lifestyles and encourage participation and involvement in sport and recreational activities. The Live Outside the Box and Summer Active campaigns encouraged Albertans to become more active. In addition, the Ministry's efforts to provide opportunities for children and youth, including those in Aboriginal communities and under-represented groups, to participate in sport and recreation better prepares them to lead healthy and active lifestyles as adults.

Factors such as an aging population, lifestyle choices, disposable income and user fees may have contributed to the slight decrease in results. The target for this measure was reduced to 83 per cent in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on an average of results for the last three years, plus a one per cent stretch factor. However, a continued emphasis on active living strategies and the promotion of healthy lifestyles is expected to have a positive influence on future results.

DID YOU KNOW?

On May 26, Alberta walked away with a new world record - 79,280 Albertans simultaneously walked one kilometre to successfully set a new Guinness Book world record for walking.

MEASURE 1.C

Usage of public library services by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who use public library services

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who have used public library services in Alberta in a given year. Libraries support strong, healthy communities, further lifelong learning and help Albertans compete in the global economy.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 30 million items a year are borrowed from Alberta's public libraries.

Results

In 2005-06, the percentage of adult Albertans who used public library services increased to 51.7 per cent, approaching the 53 per cent target.

Analysis

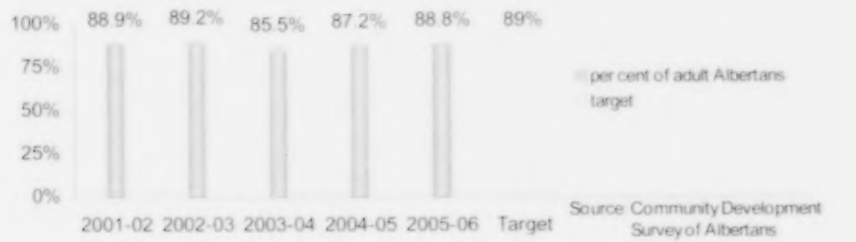
The Ministry continued efforts to facilitate access to the Alberta SuperNet for public libraries across the province. The Ministry also explored opportunities to improve library services in rural areas and to better understand public library needs of on reserve First Nations people in Alberta.

Influences such as library hours of operation, lifestyle choices and the availability of the Internet and home-based entertainment technologies may affect the results. The target for this measure was reduced to 52 per cent in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on an average of results for the past three years, plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.D

Participation in arts and cultural activities by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who attend or participate in arts and cultural activities



Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who attend or participate in arts and cultural activities in a given year. Respondents were asked if they had personally attended or participated in a large range of arts and cultural activities such as performing in a choir, playing a musical instrument, taking an arts course or visiting an arts exhibition or gallery.

Results

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta arts festivals produce over 4,500 shows at over 500 events across the province.

The percentage of adult Albertans who attended or participated in arts and cultural activities remained high in 2005-06, increasing from 87.2 per cent in 2004-05 to 88.8 per cent and essentially meeting the target.

Analysis

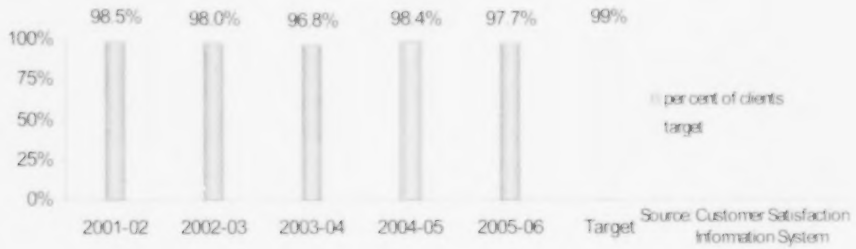
Increased participation might be partially attributed to centennial events promoting Alberta artists, such as Alberta Scene and Alberta Tracks: A Centennial Music Celebration. Support continued for activities in the literary, performing and visual arts and film development.

The results may be affected by external influences such as lifestyle choices, disposable income, home-based entertainment technology, time constrains and demographics. The target was reduced to 88 per cent in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on an average of results for the past three years, plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.E

Customer satisfaction with community development services

Percentage of Ministry clients satisfied with community development services



Source: Customer Satisfaction Information System

Description

CLIENT FEEDBACK

"I would like to compliment and congratulate your team for helping us to develop, enhance and sustain a process for building community partnerships."

- Client receiving community development services

This measure indicates the percentage of clients who were satisfied overall with the Ministry's community development services. Community development services encompass a broad range of capacity building activities including planning, knowledge and skill transfer facilitation and/or consultation regarding a variety of topics from organizational development to public consultation.

Results

Satisfaction with community development services decreased slightly from 98.4 per cent in 2004-05 to 97.7 per cent in 2005-06, falling below target, but remaining high.

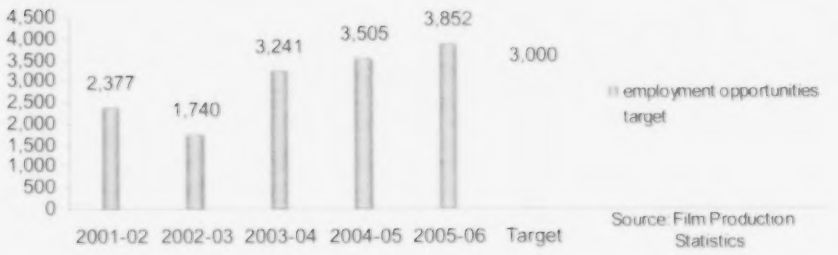
Analysis

The Ministry provided a broad range of community development services to Albertans from government, rural and urban voluntary sector organizations and agencies serving the voluntary sector. The results may be affected by shifting expectations for assistance with community development services given high client expectations and public demand for help in addressing community development issues.

MEASURE 1.F (i)

Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program: Number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans

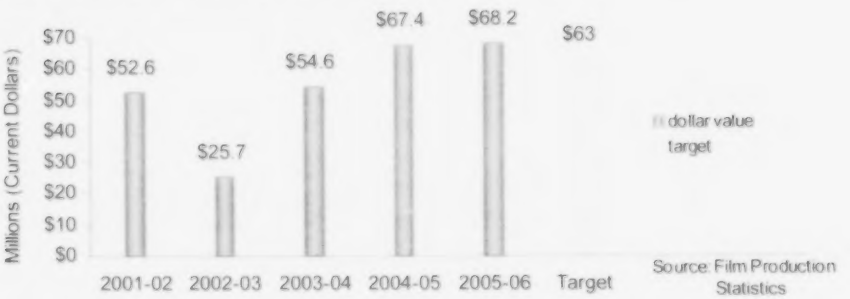
Film production employment opportunities for Albertans



MEASURE 1.F (ii)

Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program: Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta ($ millions)

Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta



Description

Measures 1.f (i) and (ii) indicate the impact of the Alberta Film Development Program and the financial support it provides for filmmaking in Alberta. An Alberta employment opportunity is counted when an individual, who is a resident of Alberta, provides a service to a film production and receives credit and reimbursement for that service. The dollar value of film production by Albertans is reported in current dollars.

Results

Employment opportunities for Albertans in the film industry increased from 3,505 in 2004-05 to 3,852 in 2005-06, surpassing the target of 3,000. The value of film production by Albertans in Alberta reached $68.2 million in 2005-06, also above target.

Analysis

More film productions and capacity within the province to support the industry have contributed to the third consecutive increase in employment opportunities for Albertans and the value of film production in Alberta. External influences that may impact results include the long lead times regularly associated with film production and accountability reporting, availability of funding and wide variations in the amount of activity associated with a particular production. The Alberta Film Development Program was transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development and will be reported on by that Ministry in 2006-07.

Bomba! - Alberta Scene Band

Core Business 2

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

Increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity; foster equality and help prevent discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Protecting human rights and reducing discrimination by resolving and adjudicating human rights complaints, and promoting understanding of Alberta's human rights legislation through the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission.
- Fostering equality, promoting the benefits of diversity and multiculturalism, helping to prevent discrimination and reducing barriers to full participation in society through the provision of information and public education resources and programs, awareness initiatives, consultation services, and research and policy initiatives.
- Undertaking collaborative projects with other governments and organizations that further human rights, diversity and multiculturalism goals.
- Providing financial support for community educational initiatives that advance human rights, diversity, and multiculturalism goals through the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund.

Goal 2
(in millions)

Goal 2 - Supporting people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination consumed 2.0% ($6.1 million) of the Ministry's 2005-06 operating expense.

Achievements

STRATEGY 2.1

Continue protecting human rights by resolving and adjudicating complaints of alleged discrimination

In 2005-06, the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission opened 778 new complaint files and closed 749 files, with physical disability and gender continuing to be the most common grounds for complaint. The majority of these files (97.2 per cent) were closed with the assistance of Commission staff who were involved in resolving and settling discrimination complaints. The remaining files, (2.8 per cent) were closed at the human rights panel stage, either prior to a hearing or through a panel decision. Human rights panels addressed issues such as discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual harassment, physical disability and mental disability.

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

In response to appeals, the Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Appeal further clarified and supported human rights principles, and in response to judicial reviews of the Chief Commissioner's decisions, the courts found the decisions to be reasonable.

STRATEGY 2.2

Develop resources and programs that increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of human rights, multiculturalism and diversity, and increase the understanding of legal decisions on the interpretation of human rights legislation.

The Ministry remained committed to building respectful and inclusive communities by fostering equality and reducing discrimination for Albertans. To help increase awareness of human rights and prevent discrimination in the workplace, approximately 90 workshops were held with employees and employers across Alberta.

Educational resources such as complainant and respondent guides for the human rights complaint process were developed to clarify the rights and responsibilities of Albertans. A new interpretive bulletin called Human Rights in the Hospitality Industry was published to give hospitality industry operators and their customers an overview of their rights and responsibilities under Alberta's human rights legislation. Examples of discriminatory and non-discriminatory alternatives, summaries of leading human rights cases, a list of related resources and options for dispute resolution were addressed. Also, the Ministry worked in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage to develop educational materials that will assist organizations to contribute to the inclusion of all Albertans in society.

The Ministry, in partnership with Global Television and the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports, continued the second phase of the Help Make a Difference Initiative to build awareness about the importance of diversity and to encourage Albertans to make communities more inclusive. Public service announcements were broadcast over 870 times, reaching up to 71.5 per cent of the viewing population. Cumulatively, these announcements were seen over 6.7 million times. Related resource materials were also produced.

Aboriginal dancers at AlbertaSpirit celebration in Bonnyville

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

The Ministry, in collaboration with Advanced Education, coordinated the annual Persons Case Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to students whose studies and career goals will ultimately contribute to the advancement of women, or to students who are studying in fields where members of their gender are traditionally few in number. Eight students received the post-secondary scholarship, with amounts awarded ranging from $1,000 to $4,000, totalling $20,000.

DID YOU KNOW?

In collaboration with Advanced Education, five recipients were selected for the 2005 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal and $5,000 award to recognize their contribution to the community through good citizenship, leadership, community service or volunteering.

The *Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act* and the *Queen Elizabeth II Award and Scholarship Regulation* were both amended to increase the number of medals and awards made annually to young Albertans for their excellence in citizenship, leadership, community service and volunteering. The Ministry enhanced its Diversity Leadership Award of Distinction by offering two awards in 2005-06, one for small and medium-sized employers, and one for larger employers. The awards are presented to organizations that embrace diversity, encourage respect and inclusion, eliminate discrimination and help create welcoming and inclusive workplaces and communities.

The first Alberta Award of $10,000 for the Study of Canadian Human Rights and Multiculturalism was made to a graduate student to support studies that will contribute to the advancement of human rights and multiculturalism. The award was established in recognition of Alberta's centennial and the contributions and experiences of our diverse populations.

STRATEGY 2.3

Consult with Albertans concerning appropriate strategies to advance human rights, diversity and multiculturalism goals, and support organizations to develop capacity to build a society that is respectful of human rights, that welcomes multiculturalism and diversity, and that is free of discrimination.

The Ministry led a province-wide stakeholder consultation on future directions, priorities and strategies for human rights and diversity initiatives supported through the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund. Work will continue on this initiative in 2006-07.

Thirty-one grants totalling approximately $855,000 were provided to community organizations across Alberta to support their efforts to reduce racism and discrimination and create positive, systemic change in their communities and organizations. Also, a pilot program was completed to help organizations build their capacity to develop and implement diversity change initiatives.

The Ministry coordinated the development of the Government of Alberta's contributions to a number of international reports on discrimination and rights, including Canada's 17th and 18th reports on the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.* The Ministry also coordinated the Government of Alberta's consideration of, and agreement to support, Canada's ratification of the United Nations *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography*. The Ministry was involved with negotiations of the *International Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;* the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;* and the proposed *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

Ministry staff participated in the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination initiative to strengthen the work being done in Alberta municipalities to prevent racism and discrimination. The Ministry also coordinated Alberta's delegation of community representatives and government officials for a National Policy Forum on Aboriginal Women and Violence. In collaboration with the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Status of Women Forum and Statistics Canada, work began on a statistical report, Measuring Violence Against Women: Statistical Trends 2006.

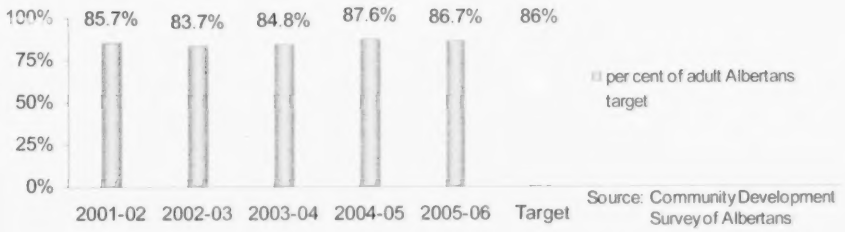
AlbertaSpirit celebrations at the Alberta Legislature

Performance Measures

MEASURE 2.A

Adult Albertans' perception of how well human rights are protected in Alberta

Percentage of adult Albertans who believe human rights are well protected in Alberta



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

DID YOU KNOW?

Overall, the percentage of adult Albertans who believe human rights are well protected in Alberta increased from 81.7 per cent in 1998-99 to 86.7 per cent in 2005-06.

Description

This measure provides an indication of adult Albertans' perceptions of how well human rights are protected in Alberta. Results are based on the combined total of adult Albertans who indicated human rights are "fairly well" or "very well" protected, the top two categories of a four point rating scale.

RESULTS ANALYSIS **Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans**

Results

In 2005-06, 86.7 per cent of adult Albertans felt that human rights were well protected in Alberta. Although the results decreased slightly from 2004-05, they have increased over the last several years and are above the target of 86 per cent.

Analysis

The Ministry remained committed to fostering equality and reducing discrimination by helping Albertans to resolve human rights complaints. The Ministry also developed resources to provide clarity about the human rights complaint process and delivered information and education programs to increase awareness and understanding about human rights in the workplace.

Results may be affected by issues, events and legislative matters concerning human rights, both in the province and in other jurisdictions around the world, media coverage, demographics and respondents' historical and personal circumstances and experiences. The target for this measure was increased to 88 per cent in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on the high results achieved in 2004-05.

Core Business 3

Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas

Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Operating, in consultation and/or partnership with cooperating societies, provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres; the Provincial Archives of Alberta; and the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria.
- Delivering public programs and exhibits and conducting applied or targeted research to increase the body of knowledge of Alberta's past, and the public's understanding of it.
- Identifying, acquiring and preserving cultural and natural resources of significance to Alberta for future generations.
- Acquiring and preserving significant private and government records and making them available for research and interpretive purposes.
- Regulating land-based development activity to preserve significant historical resources.
- Providing professional and technical advice and funding assistance through the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to individuals, organizations, communities and parts of the private sector involved in historical preservation and presentation.

Goal 3 - Preserving, protecting, presenting, researching and promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and providing opportunities for heritage tourism consumed 41.1% ($127.4 million) of the Ministry's 2005-06 operating expense

Achievements

STRATEGY 3.1

Work with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to a) develop appropriate storage solutions for the province's heritage collections, b) improve access to the province's modern heritage facilities for persons with disabilities, and c) continue to review and update recapitalization requirements for provincially owned and operated historic sites, museums and cultural facilities.

The need for artifact centres to house the province's heritage collections continues. Focus on the requirement for storage solutions will be maintained over the coming years as the detailed analysis of on-site storage needs and projected storage requirements for the next 20 years is developed.

Accessibility was improved for visitors with disabilities at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre and Frank Slide Interpretive Centre by designing and installing accessible front doors and washrooms. Improved and increased wheelchair locations were provided on the main floor and first balcony levels of the newly renovated Jubilee Auditoria, and automatic patio doors were installed in the Royal Tyrrell Museum cafeteria.

The Ministry developed a design package for redevelopment of the Introduction to the Mesozoic Gallery at the Royal Tyrrell Museum to introduce visitors to dinosaurs and palaeoconservatory. The first part of a phased overhaul of the Museum's introductory galleries was started with the design of a life-sized Albertosaurus diorama in an authentic cretaceous environment.

Additionally, gallery and exhibit recapitalization activities commenced with a range of projects at the Remington Carriage Museum, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Rutherford House, Oil Sands Discovery Centre, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Reynolds-Alberta Museum. As well, theatre equipment was upgraded to high definition at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Reynolds-Alberta Museum and Oil Sands Discovery Centre. Also, the theatre productions at Frank Slide Interpretive Centre and Reynolds-Alberta Museum were transferred into digital technology.

STRATEGY 3.2

Further the preservation of heritage properties by assisting Alberta municipalities in the establishment of local Heritage Preservation Programs with a view to placing locally significant sites on the newly created Canadian Register of Historic Places.

The Ministry continued to develop the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program, providing financial support to assist six municipalities in developing municipal heritage resource management programs. This cooperation with municipalities has contributed to a 52 per cent increase in the number of municipally protected historic places since January 2004 (total of 111 at the end of 2005-06).

Alberta continued its participation in the Historic Places Initiative, listing 114 municipally and provincially protected historic places on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

STRATEGY 3.3

Investigate, identify and implement steps to increase self-generating revenues for facility/program reinvestment through partnerships, new products and additional funding structures to enrich the Ministry's heritage and cultural facilities network.

The Ministry's heritage facilities continued to pursue self-generated revenue to support the delivery of heritage programs. Admissions revenues received from historic sites, museums and interpretive centres increased by 4.5 per cent from the year previous. In addition, the Ministry obtained over $300,000 in funding from federal, provincial and corporate sources for the Royal Alberta Museum and over $1 million in self-generated revenue from Museum programs, admission and donations.

Donations and sponsorships for the Royal Tyrrell Museum included a commitment by Imperial Oil to donate $250,000 over 5 years to support the First

Classroom of the Learning Centre and a $25,000 commitment from the Royal Bank of Canada to support distance learning initiatives. The Reynolds-Alberta Museum entered into a successful, two-year agreement with Honda Canada to sponsor Life and Times of the Motorcycle.

The Ministry developed a 2005 centennial marketing partnership initiative with the following partners: Travel Alberta, Alberta Motor Association, Husky-Mohawk, Best Western Hotels, Global Television, the Edmonton Journal, the Calgary Herald and Edmonton BMW.

Partnerships continued with a number of Alberta-based publishers to sell relevant publications at the Provincial Archives of Alberta Store. The Ministry also partnered with OPCOM Hospitality Solutions Inc. to develop a series of phone cards that showcase a range of historic images selected from the Archive's holdings.

History in the Hills - Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

STRATEGY 3.4

Support Albertans' lifelong learning through promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture at provincial historic sites, museums, interpretive centres and archives.

To support Albertans' lifelong learning, the Ministry offered various school and education programs through its provincial heritage facilities, attracting over 107,000 participants. Educational programs complimented the social studies, sciences, art, mathematics, economics, environmental, Aboriginal and history portions of the Ministry of Education's curricula.

Learning opportunities in palaeontology were offered for school groups from across the province through the delivery of videoconferencing sessions at the Royal Tyrrell Museum. A new videoconferencing program called Up Close and Palaeo was developed for students from grades 4-12 to interact with scientists and science educators. A new pilot program was also launched at the Museum that allowed high school students to participate in hands-on palaeontology activities. The Royal Tyrrell Museum and the Alberta Science Foundation launched Junior Palaeontologist (Science in a Crate), a hands-on activity program that has direct ties to Alberta's kindergarten curriculum. The Badlands Science Camp, an outdoor, multi-day camp for children and families was launched to foster an appreciation of the natural sciences and the environment through a fun, interactive educational program.

Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas

The Royal Alberta Museum continued to offer distinctive programming, including interpretive programs, lectures and workshops customized for schools, children, families and adults. Over 42,000 students participated in curriculum-based education programs at the Museum, including students in the fully-booked Museum School, in which school classes spend a week in a non-traditional classroom at the Museum exploring the galleries, visiting labs and collections behind the scenes and meeting with Museum staff.

STRATEGY 3.5

Develop a 20-year strategic plan to preserve, protect and present Alberta's history and culture and to provide a roadmap for future capital and program initiatives such as increasing Alberta's dinosaur and Aboriginal profile.

A strategic plan to guide the Ministry's heritage related activities over the coming 20 years was completed. The plan includes the cultural, social and economic contributions of heritage to society and outlines the key challenges and opportunities facing the Ministry to ensure that Alberta's rich heritage is protected and presented for future generations.

STRATEGY 3.6

Address public interest in accessing Alberta's historical and cultural resources electronically by planning for and advancing virtual museums, electronic archives and collections listings.

Work continued with the Ministry of Government Services to determine requirements for establishing a government digital preservation strategy for archival records. In partnership with the University of Calgary, the Ministry furthered development of a digital preservation standard for the Provincial Archives of Alberta. This initiative will be harmonized with digital preservation strategies for the Government of Alberta as a whole.

The Ministry developed an Internet portal into the Royal Tyrrell Museum's collections database that allows the public to search for information and learn about the collections management program. Work also continued in converting the Royal Alberta Museum's natural history databases to the Heritage Resource Management Information System. The Creature Collection website has proven very popular and has been accessed over 58,000 times from April 2005 to January 2006.

STRATEGY 3.7

Coordinate Alberta's 2005 Centennial Program in partnership with other ministries, foundations, communities, non-profit organizations, municipalities and the federal government to provide opportunities for Albertans to participate in the commemoration of the centennial, and its celebrations and special events.

A number of festivities were held across the province in celebration of Alberta's centennial. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited Alberta and designated the Provincial Museum of Alberta as the Royal Alberta Museum. The Ministry also planned a celebration worthy of a 100th birthday. On September 1, 2005 more than 250,000 individuals participated in AlbertaSpirit, a provincial celebration that was held at 12 locations in 10 communities and featured home grown musicians, artists and personalities. The event included a live television broadcast linking the ten communities and culminated with incredible displays of fireworks. Alberta talent was showcased on the national stage in Ottawa during the first ever Alberta Scene arts festival, which included the creative talent of more than 600 Alberta artists, actors, musicians, writers, dancers and chefs. Alberta musicians were also featured in 10 communities across the province in September and October as part of Alberta Tracks: A Centennial Music Celebration.

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHT

The Centennial Invitation Program sent over 36,000 letters from the Premier to 110 countries around the world inviting friends, relatives and colleagues to visit Alberta during the centennial year.

The Ministry worked closely with Saskatchewan and collectively undertook two special events. These events were the Centennial Challenge Cup, a hockey game held in the border city of Lloydminster that was broadcast on television, and the Centennial Gridiron Challenge between the Edmonton Eskimos and Saskatchewan Roughriders. The Ministry also worked with Canada Post to issue a special centennial stamp and the Royal Canadian Mint to unveil a

centennial quarter.

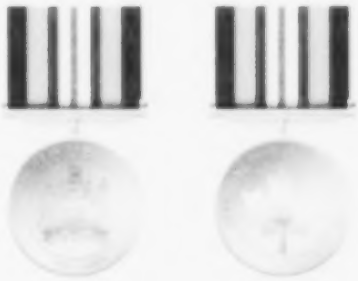
A number of communication vehicles were established to share information on Alberta's centennial. The centennial website was used by many communities to register their centennial events. Also, a number of other communication mediums were developed, including a quarterly newsletter, a weekly electronic bulletin and a centennial media program that included a television campaign.

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHT

Approximately 8,000 Centennial medals were awarded to Albertans who made significant contributions to their fellow citizens.

The Design

The design features Alberta's coat of arms and "Alberta Centennial 1905-2005" on the front and shield of the arms and "Honouring Outstanding Albertans" on the back. It is cast in bronze and plated in gold.



STRATEGY 3.8

Provide financial support to community owned and operated Centennial Legacy Projects across Alberta to leave tangible, memorable investments for future generations

The Ministry continued to support community centennial capital projects in 2005-06. In addition to the $116.7 million previously awarded, $59 million was awarded to support the development of the Calgary Zoo's Project Discovery, the expansion of the Art Gallery of Alberta, and the construction of a historical square and grand entrance at Calgary Heritage Park. This legacy of cultural and recreational facilities will benefit Albertans in every region of the province for decades to come. Facilities that received funding included museums, theatres, arenas, libraries and community centres.

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHT

Since 2000-01, $ 176 million in grants have been awarded to support centennial capital projects worth more than $860 million.

Most of the 407 municipalities that received Alberta Centennial Per Capita Municipal Grants completed their legacy projects in 2005-06. Grants ranging from $3,000 to over $1 million were provided to incorporated municipalities, First Nations and Métis Settlements. Many municipalities submitted reports on projects undertaken with centennial funding, which include parks, historical signage and capital projects.

STRATEGY 3.9

Support Government of Alberta Centennial Legacy Projects that preserve Alberta's heritage, provide educational opportunities and increase tourism, such as the redevelopment and expansion of the Provincial Museum of Alberta and the rejuvenation of the Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary.

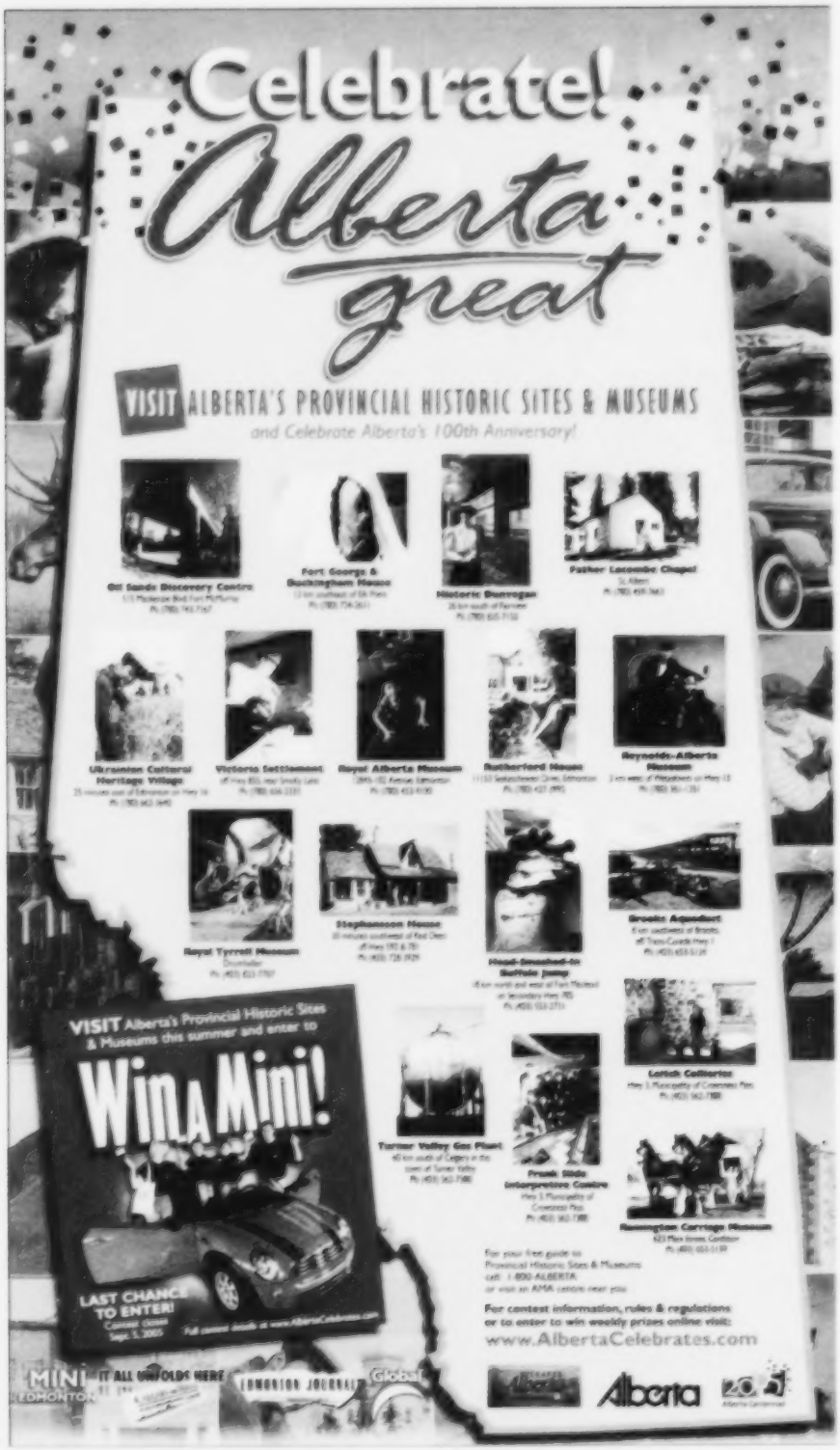
The Ministry announced a $180 million multi-year investment to renew, expand and update the Royal Alberta Museum, of which $30 million is from the federal government. The renewed Museum will deliver an extraordinary visitor experience and attract touring exhibits from museums around the world. Several key milestones were achieved, including the creation of an architectural vision and a design concept for six new galleries.

The Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria were renovated to improve accessibility, patron sightlines and natural acoustics. They reopened with a gala at each facility as part of Alberta's centennial celebrations.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the steelworkers on the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium renovation project also worked on the original construction of that building nearly 50 years ago.

Centennial legacy funding was provided for the construction of visitor centres in Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur, and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks, as well as the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park.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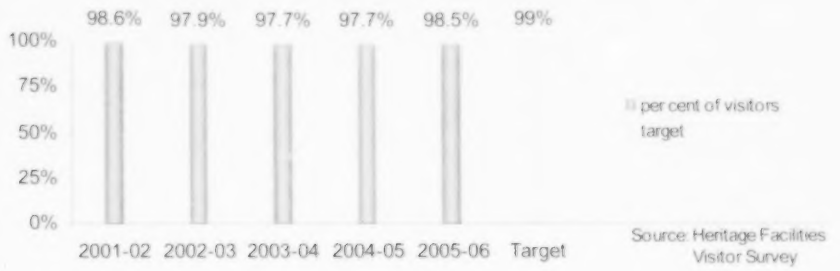
Performance Measures

MEASURE 3.A

Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

Percentage of visitors satisfied with their experience



Description

This measure shows the percentage of visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres who were satisfied overall with their visit and provides an indication of the Ministry's success in preserving and presenting Alberta's heritage.

Results

In 2005-06, 98.5 per cent of visitors reported overall satisfaction with their visit to a provincial historic site, museum or interpretive centre. Results remained exceptionally high, essentially meeting the target of 99 per cent.

Analysis

Renovated facilities, new exhibits and events related to Alberta's centennial may have positively impacted visitors' satisfaction with the Ministry's historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Visitors' expectations and previous experiences may have also influenced results.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

You have done an excellent job telling the story with creative use of still photography and music.
– Visitor to Frank Slide Interpretive Centre

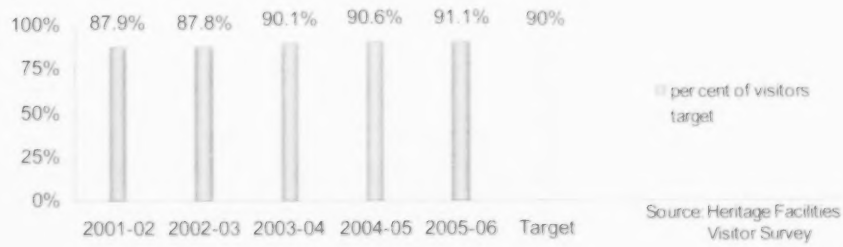
The staff was wonderful and friendly, we enjoyed the role playing immensely. Every year there are changes for the better.
– Visitor to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village

It was our first time [to Historic Dunvegan] and I loved it. My daughter did a unit in school on Peace River and the Hudson's Bay Company and she loved it a lot.
– Visitor to Historic Dunvegan

MEASURE 3.B

Knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

Perception of knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretative centres



Description

This measure indicates visitors' perceptions of the knowledge they gained of Alberta history during a visit to a provincial historic site, museum or interpretive centre.

Results

For the third consecutive year, the knowledge gained of Alberta history at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres increased, surpassing the 90 per cent target set for 2005-06.

Analysis

The Ministry continued to offer a wide range of public programs that enhance and expand visitors' knowledge and appreciation of Alberta's history, including special events, tours, interpretive activities and exhibits. Results may be influenced by the focus of exhibits and programs offered during a visit and visitors' expectations or previous experiences. The target for this measure increased to 91 per cent in the 2006-09 Business Plan based on an average of results for the last three years, plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 3.C (i)

Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions): Value-added impact

Value-added economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

MEASURE 3.C (ii)

Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions): Taxation revenue returned to three levels of government

Taxation revenue from provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

Description

Measures 3.c (i) and (ii) indicate the level of economic activity, in current dollars, created by the operation of the Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. They also provide an indication of the economic benefits associated with preservation and development of the province's heritage resources. Due to the volume and complexity of data collection and analysis, results lag one year behind the reporting year.

Results

In 2004-05, the value-added economic impact generated by the Ministry's historic sites, museums and interpretive centres increased by more than $6 million from the previous year and the taxation revenue created increased by $0.4 million. Results for both measures exceeded their targets.

INTERESTING FACT

Alberta's provincial historic sites generate the equivalent of 1,160 full-time jobs.

- Demand Economic Impact Model

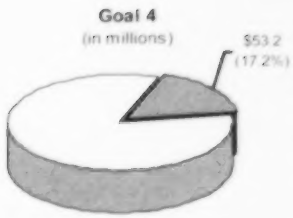
Analysis

These contributions were influenced by increased visitor spending and improvements in the general state of the economy. Results for these measures are also affected by global, national and provincial tourism trends. The target for taxation revenue was increased to $22 million in the Ministry's 2006-09 Business Plan based on previous results.

Korean Pavillion - Royal Alberta Museum

Maintain and enhance Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Overview



Goal 4 - Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism consumed 17.2% ($53.2 million) of the Ministry's 2005-06 operating expense.

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Preserving a network of provincial parks and protected areas that represents the diversity of the province's natural heritage and related cultural heritage and enhances the overall environmental quality of the province.
- Providing opportunities for Albertans and visitors to explore, understand and appreciate the province's natural heritage through nature and heritage based recreation, education and tourism opportunities, facilities and services.
- Operating the province's biodiversity database, the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre, which is used to support land use decisions, setting of priorities and effective management of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.
- Promoting lifelong learning through an emphasis on interpretation and environmental education that fosters heritage appreciation.
- Contributing to scientific knowledge of the province's natural history and biodiversity.
- Keeping Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas safe and enjoyable for visitors.

Achievements

STRATEGY 4.1

Work with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to complete the planning and development of four centennial legacy projects (visitor centres in Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur, and Cypress Hills provincial parks and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation, an avian research centre in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park).

The Ministry provided $8.1 million for the construction of visitor centres in Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur, and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks, as well as the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park. Main building construction was completed at Dinosaur and Lesser Slave Lake provincial parks, and construction is underway at Writing-on-Stone and Cypress Hills provincial parks. The new visitor centres will encourage awareness and understanding of the parks through interactive exhibits, professional staff-led programs and opportunities to share in park experiences and discoveries.

DID YOU KNOW?

Park visitation in Dinosaur, Writing-on-Stone and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks is expected to grow by 20 per cent by 2020.

Dinosaur Provincial Park Visitor Centre

Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas

STRATEGY 4.2

Work with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation, within the framework of the Capital Planning Initiative, to revise capital planning and delivery processes to re-capitalize, sustain and monitor the condition of facilities and infrastructure in Alberta's provincial parks and major recreation areas to ensure effective management of capital redevelopment and ensure public health, safety and enjoyment, including a safe and secure drinking water supply.

The Ministry invested over $31 million to repair and replace deteriorating park infrastructure and to ensure that a safe and secure drinking water supply is maintained. This funding helped restore the facilities that visitors use most. Picnic tables and fires pits were repaired, campsites were levelled and regravelled and buildings were repainted. Extensive upgrades and renovations were completed at Wabamun Lake Provincial Park, including the renewal of the water and sewer infrastructure and construction of a new shower building. Work continues on upgrading water treatment systems in provincial parks to ensure government standards are met.

STRATEGY 4.3

Develop an updated parks system plan and strategic direction for the management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

Work was completed to develop an updated parks system plan based on the updated Natural Regions Framework, which is the landscape classification system and scientific framework used to describe environmental diversity. The Natural Regions Framework was further refined by a committee of representatives from different government Ministries and agencies, academics and other professionals to better define the parameters of all sub-regions. An additional sub-region was added to the Boreal Natural Region to provide for more precise classification of landscapes and features. Boundaries of sub-regions throughout the province were adjusted based on scientific information.

Level 1 natural history theme targets were also reviewed and adjusted for all parks and protected areas that were impacted by the sub-region boundary changes. New natural region and sub-region maps were completed along with a detailed scientific report documenting the various attributes for each sub-region. The Ministry was also instrumental in the development of the Natural Regions and Sub-regions of Alberta Report and new maps.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parks attract visitors and provide tourism income for local communities. These economic benefits enable communities to function and prosper and contribute to building social cohesion, social capital and healthy communities.

STRATEGY 4.4

Develop, consolidate and update legislation and regulations to provide a sound basis for the management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

The *Provincial Parks Amendment Act* and the *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act* were developed and introduced in the Legislative Assembly. The amendments bring these Acts more in line with other environmental legislation by updating regulation-making powers and improving administrative, enforcement, offence and penalty provisions, legal clarity and removing outdated and obsolete provisions in order to provide a stronger basis for effective management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

Specified penalties for offences under the *Provincial Parks Act* were significantly increased to help ensure Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas continue to be effectively protected and that all visitors can have a safe and enjoyable experience.

INTERESTING FACT

In 2005-06, 99 per cent of Albertans surveyed said the protection of natural resources, such as parks, is important to their overall quality of life.
- Community Development Survey of Albertans

Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas

STRATEGY 4.5

Develop and implement a revitalization strategy for heritage appreciation that includes education, interpretive and marketing strategies to increase Albertans' awareness and appreciation for Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas and their contribution to Alberta's economy and quality of life.

Implementation of the revitalization strategy continued in 2005-06 and a number of initiatives were completed such as the development of curriculum based on environmental education programs, wetlands education programs and family oriented interpretive programming.

A heritage appreciation plan was completed for the Beaverhills area that focused on Miquelon Lake Provincial Park and Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

The Parks and Protected Areas Gateway website was revamped to improve customer service and make publications available to the public online.

STRATEGY 4.6

Increase opportunities for volunteer involvement and new partnerships to enhance research, monitoring and the provision of services at provincial parks and protected areas.

The number of volunteers supporting provincial parks and protected areas continues to grow. Volunteers make significant contributions to a range of activities that include customer service, conservation efforts, greeting park visitors, education programming, scientific research and maintenance and administration.

Nine individuals and organizations were honoured at the 2005 Alberta Parks' Volunteer Conference. Awards in seven categories were distributed, based on nominations received from Albertans, Ministry staff, volunteers and partners.

STRATEGY 4.7

Enhance the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre's ability to provide quality natural heritage data to support effective management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas and to provide natural heritage data to clients and partners in other provincial and federal agencies, universities, industry and national and international conservation organizations.

The Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre is one of over 80 conservation data centres in an international Natural Heritage Network and is a member of NatureServe – a network connecting science with conservation. The Centre compiles and updates data to support the management of Alberta's parks and protected areas and responds to external requests for biophysical data.

The Centre continued to compile and update data, and provide data analysis and mapping to support management planning and resource management in parks and protected areas. The Centre also allowed users to access, view, query and print maps through the Internet. In addition, a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to share conservation-related data.

The Centre partnered with other agencies on several initiatives, including a Forest Gene Conservation Plan for Alberta and the Adopt-a-Plant Program with the Alberta Native Plant Council. Cooperative projects were undertaken with NatureServe Canada, Parks Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service to update natural heritage data.

STRATEGY 4.8

Identify biophysical resource inventory and management planning priorities for the 2005-08 timeframe and complete biophysical resource inventories and management plans for priority parks and protected areas.

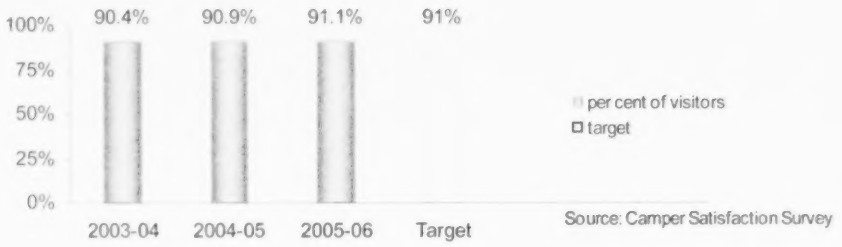
To provide long-term direction for management and protection of Alberta's parks and protected areas, management plans for a number of provincial parks were initiated. Biophysical resource inventory work included a preliminary survey of beetles, and completion of bird and mammal lists and spider records in Caribou Mountains Wildland Provincial Park. A survey of dragonfly, damselfly and butterfly fauna was competed in the Birch Mountains. In addition, surveys of butterfly fauna of the Wainwright Dunes Ecological Reserve and a bat survey of the Middle Red Deer and Battle Rivers were completed.

Performance Measures

MEASURE 4.A

Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial parks and recreation areas

Percentage of visitors satisfied with services and facilities at provincial parks and recreation areas



Source: Camper Satisfaction Survey

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of visitors who were satisfied overall with the services and facilities at Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas.

INTERESTING FACT

Since 2002, campers have consistently rated their satisfaction with the friendliness and courtesy of staff the highest of all measured services.

- Camper Satisfaction Survey

Results

In 2005-06, 91.1 per cent of visitors were satisfied with overall services and facilities at Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas, meeting the target of 91 per cent.

Analysis

Investment in several infrastructure renewal projects to restore or replace aging facilities in provincial parks and recreation areas across the province may have positively impacted visitor satisfaction. Satisfaction may have also been influenced by several other factors, including interactions with other visitors, programs offered during the visit, public awareness of facilities and services, service provided by contractors and park staff.

Parks Staff - Announcement of the Lois Hole Provincial Park

Cross-Ministry Policy Initiatives

ABORIGINAL POLICY INITIATIVE

The Ministry:

Participated in the development of guidelines for Aboriginal consultation on resource development, including an Interim Approach document and a Government of Alberta Guidelines Framework, as well as the review of these documents with industry and First Nations. Ministry-specific guidelines for Community Development's consultation activities were also developed.

Participated in the development and planning for implementation of the Métis Harvesting Agreement with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development. Close cooperation and consultation is continuing with these ministries regarding the legal and constitutional interpretations of the agreement.

Implemented procedures to support the repatriation of sacred and ceremonial objects from government collections to First Nations, and participated in the development of government policy for unregistered burials.

Worked with Aboriginals to preserve, protect and present Aboriginal culture, including the provision of financial and technical support to the Métis Crossing Cultural Centre near Smoky Lake. The Ministry also completed an assessment for on-reserve public library services and assisted in developing the Grande Cache Aboriginal and Fur Trade Listing.

ALBERTA CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE

The Ministry:

Provided financial assistance to community-based programs and services that place a priority on projects supporting the participation and inclusion of children, youth and their families. Funding was provided through the Ministry's Youth Initiatives Limited Grant Program to support youth volunteerism. The Ministry also provided funding to develop educational materials that help children and youth to combat discrimination.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION INITIATIVE

The Ministry:

Promoted international, national and local tourism through centennial celebrations and events across the province to commemorate Alberta's 100th anniversary, and supported centennial legacy projects to further enhance Alberta tourism opportunities and to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Operated 18 provincial heritage facilities featuring numerous learning programs, thematic exhibits, cultural and special events, and various festivities. Heritage based tourism opportunities were also provided through the Ministry's network of parks and recreation areas. The first cross-country world cup ski events in Alberta since 1989 were held at the renewed Canmore Nordic Centre. The events attracted skiers, officials, staff and fans from around the world.

Furthered the Rural Development Initiative by developing the capacity of rural libraries, communities and voluntary sector organizations. Ministry staff met with municipalities across the province, including the Town of Mundare, the Municipal District of Taber and the County of Warner to explore opportunities to improve rural library services. The Ministry also provided financial support to non-profit voluntary sector organizations in rural Alberta and sponsored

consultations, facilitations and workshops for rural communities and voluntary sector organizations.

HEALTH INNOVATION AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

The Ministry

Supported various initiatives to promote participation in physical activity and to encourage Albertans to pursue active and healthy lifestyles. The Ministry supported the Alberta launch of Summer Active, which highlighted the importance of integrating healthy eating, tobacco-free living and daily physical activity into a healthy lifestyle. An active lifestyle was promoted through the Live Outside the Box Campaign, which encouraged individuals to turn off their televisions, computers and video games. Active living was further promoted through partnering with community organizations to coordinate an event in which Albertans set a new Guinness Book world record for walking.

Worked with the Minister's Coordinating Council on Active Living to analyze actions resulting from meetings with active living stakeholders. Ministry staff also met with the Council to develop recommendations for an updated Alberta Active Living Strategy, and provided funding to the Schools Come Alive and Ever Active Schools Programs to support the Ministry of Education's Daily Physical Activity Initiative.

Provided financial support to the Home Support Exercise Program and participated on the Program Advisory Committee. The Program supports the training of home care staff to deliver physical activity exercises to homebound seniors in Northern Lights, David Thompson, Calgary, Chinook and Palliser health authorities.

LEADING IN LEARNING AND SKILLED WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

The Ministry

Provided consultative and financial support to the Artists in Education Program and for post-secondary arts activities in communities, schools, colleges and universities.

Led "welcoming communities," one of the four strategic directions of the government's new immigration policy, to support immigrants and immigration to Alberta. For example, the Ministry provided support to an organization to identify needs and mechanisms to deliver human rights information to immigrants. The Ministry also supported the development of a toolkit of online resources to assist in building action plans to combat racism and build inclusive communities.

Provided curriculum-based and family-oriented learning opportunities to thousands of participants who took part in educational programs at provincial heritage facilities. The Ministry launched the Junior Palaeontologist Program at the Royal Tyrrell Museum, which has direct linkages to Alberta's kindergarten curriculum. The Badlands Science Camp, an outdoor, multi-day camp for children and families was also launched at the Museum to foster an appreciation of science and the environment. The Ministry continued to offer curriculum-based education programs to thousands of students at the Royal Alberta Museum and worked with the Ministry of Education to develop a program based on the new K-3 social studies curriculum.

Provided curriculum based environmental educational opportunities across the province, including outreach education programs in Calgary and Edmonton. In addition, the Ministry continued a successful partnership with Ducks Unlimited for the wetlands education programs at Fish Creek and Saskatoon Island provincial parks.

Integrated Results Analysis

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS
(millions of dollars)

This section focuses on comparing planned to actual results in terms of both financial and business performance. The following schedule outlines the actual expenditures incurred in comparison to budgeted resources for achieving the objectives of each core business.

	2006 Estimates (per 2005-08 Business Plan)	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
Core Business 1 – Support Individuals and Organizations Through Community Development	$ 101.1	$ 123.3	$ 93.0
Objectives: • Strong community capacity in the areas of arts, sport and recreation, libraries, and the voluntary sector. • Participatory opportunities enhance individual's quality of life. • Effective liaison with the Francophone community in Alberta.			
Core Business 2 – Protect Human Rights, Promote Fairness and Access, and Support the Protection, Inclusion, and Participation of all Albertans	6.1	6.1	5.8
Objectives: • Equal dignity, rights, and responsibilities for all Albertans. • Albertans appreciate diverse racial and cultural composition in the province.			
Core Business 3 – Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History, Culture and Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	139.8	180.6	102.9
Objectives: • Alberta's history and culture is well preserved. • Albertans and visitors explore and appreciate the historic sites and provincial parks and protected areas. • Albertans understand and appreciate the province's natural heritage.			
Total Operating Expense	$ 247.0	$ 310.0	$ 201.7

Core Business 1 – Total Operating Expense - $123.3 Million

The Ministry spent a total of $123.3 million to support individuals, organizations, and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of arts, sport and recreation, libraries, and the voluntary sector.

Nearly $40 million was provided for public libraries to support strong and healthy communities, further lifelong learning and help Albertans to compete in the global economy. This represents a $20 million increase from the prior year primarily related to one-time funding to support library operations and maintenance pressures.

About $1 million in financial support was provided for SuperNet connectivity at Alberta's public libraries. This may have contributed to a slight increase in the usage of public library services by adult Albertans. The majority of public libraries have implemented or are in the process of implementing the SuperNet.

Facilitating access to the Internet is important in addressing an increasing trend towards the usage of electronic sources of information in rural communities.

The Ministry continued to promote active and healthy lifestyles by providing $8.4 million in funding to provincial sport and recreation associations and active living agencies with a focus on supporting sport and recreational activities. Factors such as an aging population and lifestyle choices may have contributed to a slight decrease in participation in sport and recreational activities by adult Albertans in 2005-06.

The Ministry's efforts to support and promote the voluntary sector and recognize the contributions it makes to developing strong communities may have contributed to a 2.4 per cent increase from the previous year in the level of community volunteerism by adult Albertans. The Ministry supported volunteerism through delivering capacity-enhancing workshops, providing funding of $4.8 million for non-profit organizations and promoting the voluntary sector and the benefits of volunteerism.

In 2005-06, the Ministry provided $1.5 million towards featuring Alberta at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2006. The event highlights Alberta's indigenous traditions, rich pioneer and immigrant heritage and thriving contemporary culture.

The Alberta Film Development Program's contribution of $12.8 million provided a substantial number of new employment opportunities for Albertans in the industry. Results have increased from 3,505 employment opportunities in 2004-05 to 3,852 in 2005-06.

Core Business 2 – Total Operating Expense - $6.1 Million

The Ministry continued its efforts to foster equality and prevent discrimination by providing public information and education programs and by helping Albertans to resolve human rights complaints. The Ministry provided an additional $300,000 from the prior year to protect human rights and promote fairness because of pressure on services in this area.

The percentage of adult Albertans who feel human rights are well protected in Alberta decreased slightly in 2005-06, but remained above the target of 86 per cent. A number of factors outside the Ministry's control such as media coverage on human rights issues or events, respondent experiences and demographics could have influenced results.

Core Business 3 – Total Operating Expense - $180.6 Million

The Ministry spent a total of $180.6 million to preserve, protect and present the province's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas.

About $64.3 million was utilized to preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.

Renovated facilities, new exhibits and events may have contributed to an increase in the percentage of visitors reporting overall satisfaction with the Ministry's historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. The percentage of visitors who rated the knowledge gained of Alberta history as "excellent" or "good" increased for the third consecutive year and exceeded its target.

The Ministry's historic sites, museums and interpretive centres continued to make a substantial economic contribution to the province, with an increase from the previous year of over $6 million in value-added impact and an increase of $0.4 million in taxation revenue, both surpassing their targets. These contributions were influenced by increased visitor spending and improvements in the general state of the economy. Results for this measure lag one year behind the reporting year.

Compared to the prior year, the Ministry provided an additional $40 million in centennial grants for a total of $53.9 million in 2005-06 to commemorate Alberta's centennial. Funds were provided for the Calgary Zoo, Heritage Park Society, and numerous museums, theatres, arenas, libraries and community centres. These facilities will benefit Albertans in every region of the province for decades to come. Additionally, the Ministry spent $9.3 million related to centennial celebrations and events across the province. This included the visit by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh in May 2005.

The Ministry spent an additional $8.6 million for a total of $53.2 million for parks operations and programs to enhance services and learning opportunities for visitors. Visitors reported increased satisfaction with their experiences at provincial parks and recreation areas, meeting the target of 91 per cent.

Forward Looking Information

Service expectations are driven by Alberta's thriving economy, population growth and changing patterns in the demographics of its residents and visitors. The public is keen to have accessible and affordable outdoor recreational opportunities as evidenced by the more than eight million visits to provincial parks and recreation areas each year. We need to balance the enjoyment of these provincial parks and recreation areas with the need to protect and preserve Alberta's natural heritage and ecological diversity.

The technology and knowledge sectors are increasingly important and will enhance how we deliver our services. New technologies allow us to optimize the presentation of Alberta's history by enabling access to Alberta's historical resources through the Internet. There are also increasingly high expectations for up-to-date exhibits and services at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres, which attract an average of 900,000 visits annually.

Albertans want access to information in a timely manner. This has resulted in increasingly complex demands within the public library and archival systems. Alberta's libraries in rural and urban communities are Service Alberta Information Centres and, with the full implementation of the Alberta SuperNet, will be linked electronically to the rest of the world. Currently, over 30 million items are borrowed from libraries each year and this is expected to increase.

Communities thrive with support from their local volunteers. However, the pool of volunteers is limited by an aging population, increasingly busy lifestyles and concerns with liability issues. A voluntary sector framework is under development to facilitate closer cooperation and collaboration between the government and the voluntary sector in addressing issues such as recruitment challenges and liability insurance.

Given Alberta's diverse population, human rights issues are becoming increasingly complex. Generally, there is a growing need for programs and services to protect Albertans from discrimination and to contribute to building a more inclusive and respectful society.

Albertans are becoming increasingly conscious of their quality of life and are aware of the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle. Communities need to have the capacity to offer a diverse range of physical and social leisure activities in order to attract and retain residents. This is a particular challenge for smaller rural communities where partnerships may be required to ensure resources are available.

Culture is a key component in defining quality of life and an important part of attracting people to Alberta. Eighty seven per cent of adult Albertans feel that the arts are important in contributing to the overall quality of life in their communities. As well, nine out of ten adult Albertans attend or participate in arts or cultural events each year.

The Ministry's strategic priorities for 2006-09 have been identified through a review of environmental factors, including our external and internal opportunities and challenges, and are described below. These are in addition to the important ongoing core activities of the Ministry and are of primary importance in focusing the Ministry on achieving its goals:

1. Infrastructure Renewal – Renew infrastructure for provincial parks and recreation areas, historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. This will be addressed by expanding our capacity to address Alberta's growing population, repairing or replacing damaged or deteriorating facilities and equipment, upgrading water and sewage systems in provincial parks and recreation areas as part of the Water for Life Strategy, and modernizing our exhibits and developing our collections to reflect new areas of interest. Centennial projects will also be monitored to their conclusion to ensure their intended legacy is delivered to Albertans.

2. Community Capacity Building – Strengthen community resources in support of libraries, the voluntary sector, sport and recreation and the arts. This will be addressed by supporting rural sustainability, developing a voluntary sector framework, addressing recommendations from the Alberta Sport Plan, furthering the Active Living Strategy and introducing an inclusive cultural policy.

3. Inclusive Communities – Foster equality, support the reduction of discrimination and barriers to full participation in society and support the development of inclusive communities and workplaces. This will be furthered by addressing increasing volumes in human rights caseloads, emerging workplace issues related to accommodating disabilities, and developing strategies to support the inclusion and integration of immigrants and ethnic and racial groups into Alberta communities and workplaces. Comprehensive and effective legislation, education and enforcement are also critical to supporting the protection, inclusion and participation of all Albertans.

4. Using and Respecting the Land - Participate in the development of a land use framework for effective management of competing land use interests to preserve Alberta's high quality of life and continued economic prosperity. A vital component of this framework will be an Alberta approach to biodiversity and landscape management to maintain the province's natural advantage.

AlbertaSpirit celebrations at Olympic Plaza in Calgary

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

I have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Ministry of Community Development (the Ministry) as at March 31, 2006 and the consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Ministry's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ministry as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget (Schedule 4)	Actual	Actual
Revenues (Schedules 1 and 2)			
Internal Government Transfers	$ 99,607	$ 99,582	$ 85,866
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,937	1,841	1,486
Investment Income	1,558	1,355	861
Premiums, Fees and Licences	8,953	8,768	7,850
Other Revenue	10,742	13,540	8,068
	122,797	125,086	104,131
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(c) and Schedules 3 and 6)			
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	96,375	121,455	91,090
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,594	5,640	5,281
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	85,320	107,557	53,971
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	47,996	48,348	40,735
Ministry Support Services	11,546	11,332	10,390
	246,831	294,332	201,467
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Environmental Obligations	-	15,537	-
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	40	(2)
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	133	228
	217	15,710	226
Total Expenses	247,048	310,042	201,693
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	1,547	(254)	18
Net Operating Results	$ (122,704)	$ (185,210)	$ (97,544)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash and Short-term Investments (Note 3)	$ 19,865	$ 16,290
Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories (Note 4)	2,416	1,627
Long-term Investments (Note 5)	8,467	8,467
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 6)	213,775	182,072
	$ 244,523	$ 208,456
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 67,863	$ 20,031
Unearned Revenue	909	907
	68,772	20,938
Net Assets		
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	187,518	187,012
Net Operating Results	(185,210)	(97,544)
Net Transfer from General Revenues	173,443	98,050
Net Assets, End of Year (Note 8)	175,751	187,518
	$ 244,523	$ 208,456

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005 Restated (Note 15)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (185,210)	$ (97,544)
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	9,531	9,494
Valuation Adjustments	15,710	226
(Gain) Loss on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	254	(18)
	(159,715)	(87,842)
Increase in Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories before Valuation Adjustments	(829)	(54)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities before Valuation Adjustments	32,162	(3,998)
Increase in Unearned Revenue	2	171
Cash Applied to Operating Transactions	(128,380)	(91,723)
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(41,051)	(9,010)
Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	9	54
Transfers of Tangible Capital Assets	(160)	787
Donation of Tangible Capital Assets	(286)	(272)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(41,488)	(8,441)
Financing Transactions		
Net Transfer from General Revenues	173,443	98,050
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	3,575	(2,114)
Cash and Short-term Investments, Beginning of Year	16,290	18,404
Cash and Short-term Investments, End of Year	$ 19,865	$ 16,290

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

Ministry of Community Development
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Minister of Community Development (Minister) has, by the *Government Organization Act* and its regulations, been designated responsible for various *Acts*. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Minister is responsible for the organizations listed in Note 2(a). The authority under which each organization operates is also listed in Note 2(a). Together these organizations form the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry).

The purpose of the Ministry is to enhance and preserve the quality of life for Albertans. This is done by:

- Supporting a high quality of life in Alberta by working in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in the arts and culture, sport and recreation, library and voluntary sectors;
- Increasing understanding and awareness of diversity, fostering equality and reducing discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province;
- Preserving, protecting, presenting, researching and promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and providing opportunities for heritage tourism; and
- Maintaining Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and providing opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all ministries.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Ministry of Community Development. The *Government Accountability Act* defines a Ministry as including the Department and any Provincial agency and Crown-controlled organization for which the Minister is responsible.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(a) Reporting Entity (continued)

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following organizations:

Organization	Authority
Department of Community Development	*Government Organization Act*
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	*Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act*
The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	*Historical Resources Act*
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation	*Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act*
The Government House Foundation	*Government House Act*
The Historic Resources Fund	*Historical Resources Act*
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund	*Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*
The Wild Rose Foundation	*Wild Rose Foundation Act*

All departments of the Government of Alberta operate within the General Revenue Fund (Fund). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance. All cash receipts of departments are deposited into the Fund and all cash disbursements made by the departments are paid from the Fund. Net Transfer from General Revenues is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements made.

(b) Basis of Consolidation

The accounts of the organizations listed in Note 2(a) above have been consolidated. Revenue and expense transactions, investing and financing transactions, and related asset and liability accounts between the consolidated organizations were eliminated upon consolidation.

(c) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(c) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Dedicated Revenue

Dedicated revenue initiatives provide a basis for authorizing spending. Dedicated revenues are shown as credits or recoveries in the details of the Government Estimates for a supply vote. If actual dedicated revenues are less than budget and total voted expenses are not reduced by an amount sufficient to cover the deficiency in dedicated revenues, the following year's voted expenses are encumbered. If actual dedicated revenues exceed budget, the Ministry may, with the approval of the Treasury Board, use the excess revenue to fund additional expenses on the program. Schedule 2 discloses information on the Ministry's dedicated revenue initiatives.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Ministry has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include:

- Amortization of tangible capital assets;
- Pension costs which comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year; and
- Valuation adjustments which include changes in the valuation allowances used to reflect financial assets at their net recoverable or other appropriate value. Valuation adjustments also represent the change in management's estimate of future payments arising from obligations relating to vacation pay and environmental obligations.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Ministry's operations are disclosed in Schedule 6.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Assets

Financial assets of the Ministry are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals, as well as inventories held for resale.

Investments are recorded at cost. Where there has been a loss in the value of an investment that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Assets acquired by right are not included. Tangible capital assets of the Ministry are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other tangible capital assets is $5,000. All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

When physical assets (tangible capital assets and inventories) are gifted or sold for a nominal sum to parties external to the government reporting entity, the fair values of these physical assets less any nominal proceeds are recorded as grants in kind.

Collections of historic and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art held by the Ministry are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Environmental obligations are recorded as liabilities when there is little or no discretion to avoid settlement of the obligation and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between the carrying value of assets held by the Ministry and its liabilities.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Net Assets (continued)

Restricted funds, endowment funds, and general reserves (Note 8) are considered appropriations from net assets and are reported as net assets.

An externally restricted fund accounts for non-government contributions, which can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor.

An internally restricted fund accounts for funds restricted by the Ministry Foundations for either matching non-government contributions, which can only be used for an identified purpose, or for retaining an ongoing funding capability.

An endowment fund accounts for contributions received under various agreements with sponsors and matching funds may be provided by Ministry Foundations. In addition, the endowment fund can include internally restricted funds to be used for identified purposes, or for retaining an ongoing funding capability.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, long-term investments, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short term nature of these instruments.

Measurement Uncertainty

Measurement uncertainty exists when there is a variance between the recognized or disclosed amount and another reasonably possible amount. Environmental obligations are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and a provision in the amount of $15,537, was recorded to Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture ($14,500) and to Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas ($1,037), based on management's best estimates that reflect the most probable course of action. Increased construction costs, or other unanticipated changes may affect these estimates.

Note 3 Cash and Short-term Investments (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Ministry's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

	2006	2005
Cash	$ 28,032	$ 24,457
Less Appropriated for Non-current Use (Note 5)	(8,167)	(8,167)
	$ 19,865	$ 16,290

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Cash in the amount of $1,879 has been externally restricted and $344 has been internally restricted and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005 Restated (Note 15)
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 2,035	$ (70)	$ 1,965	$ 1,206
Inventory	288	-	288	279
Prepaid Expenses	93	-	93	115
Refunds from Suppliers	70	-	70	26
Advances	-	-	-	1
	$ 2,486	$ (70)	$ 2,416	$ 1,627

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

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Note 5 Long-term Investments (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005	
	Effective Interest Rate	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Deposit with Life Insurance Companies, Maturing in 2008[a]	5.125%	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300
Cash and Short-term Investments Appropriated for Non-current Use[b]		8,167	8,167	8,167	8,167
		$ 8,467	$ 8,467	$ 8,467	$ 8,467

[a] The deposits with life insurance companies can be realized prior to maturity dates only with the payment of penalties.

[b] Cash and short-term investments have been appropriated for non-current use by several entities in the Ministry to segregate the amounts that are needed to meet their long-term needs for endowments, reserves and other restricted uses.

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Note 6 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2006 Cost	2006 Accumulated Amortization	2006 Net Book Value	2005 Net Book Value
General Capital Assets					
Land	N/A	$ 40,205	$ -	$ 40,205	$ 40,096
Buildings	20-40 years	130,792	(65,572)	65,220	47,964
Computer Hardware and Software	3-8 years	2,378	(1,054)	1,324	911
Equipment	3-15 years	32,905	(16,348)	16,557	7,030
Other	7-20 years	16,455	(16,047)	408	966
		222,735	(99,021)	123,714	96,967
Infrastructure Assets					
Land Improvements	40 years	148,692	(77,340)	71,352	66,980
Highways and Roads	40 years	49,270	(32,714)	16,556	16,000
Bridges	60 years	2,973	(820)	2,153	2,125
		200,935	(110,874)	90,061	85,105
		$ 423,670	$ (209,895)	$ 213,775	$ 182,072

Note 7 Collections

Collections consist of historical and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art of provincial, national and international significance located in the archives, museums and historical sites of the Province of Alberta. The Ministry has not recorded the value of these collections in the consolidated financial statements due to the practical difficulties of reflecting them at a meaningful value. The collections are insured for $372 million. A description of the major collections is as follows:

(a) The Province, through the Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities Branch, preserves and presents 9 historic sites that contain 48 restored historic buildings/structures and 3 stabilized ruins. The Branch also operates 3 interpretive centers, 2 museums and 2 cultural facilities. As well, it administers an additional 3 historic sites which contain 58 undeveloped historic buildings/structures. In addition, the Branch owns 1 developed historic resource (leased to a society), 13 cairns, 4 archaeological sites and 1 palaeontological site. In total, the Ministry owns 1,904 hectares of land deemed to be of historic significance.

Note 7 Collections (continued)

(b) The Royal Alberta Museum maintains 13 Curatorial programs, with total collection holdings comprising approximately 10 million objects. This includes more than 1,270,000 objects on-site; over 16,000 warehoused objects off site and another estimated 8,720,000 archaeological artifacts collected as part of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta permit process. The collections represent a highly diverse complement of cultural and natural heritage. These include mammals, birds, fish, insects, plants, minerals, gems, First Nations ethnographical material, military and cultural history artifacts, coins, as well as industrial, domestic, and textile collections; and the permitted archaeological materials recovered in Alberta, all with associated images, audio and books.

(c) The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology collection has over 115,000 catalogued items including original and replica fossils. Annually, approximately 2,000 specimens are accessioned into the collection.

(d) Reynolds-Alberta Museum exhibits approximately 150 major agricultural, industrial and transportation artifacts, and provides conservation, maintenance and restoration services for an additional collection of approximately 3,140 major and 3,440 smaller artifacts. Included in these numbers are 80 vintage aircraft, 8 of which are on permanent loan to the museum. The museum also houses a collection of documents, numbering over 50,000 pieces, related to the museum's mechanization themes.

(e) The Remington Carriage Museum houses one of the largest collections of horse drawn vehicles in North America, with 265 carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs, and approximately 690 associated small artifacts.

(f) The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village is responsible for the management of Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities' collection of approximately 52,432 artifacts. Approximately 5,000 of these objects are used to furnish various smaller sites throughout the province, and 8,000 objects furnish the historic buildings at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. The remaining artifacts are preserved in storage.

(g) The Provincial Archives of Alberta holds approximately 39,900 linear metres of government textual records; 4,700 linear metres of private textual records; 61,800 maps; 27,600 architectural drawings; 2,168,600 photographic images; 46,900 hours of sound recordings; 66,000 hours of film and video materials; and 12,535 volumes of library holdings.

(h) The Collection Management Unit of the Arts Branch manages 14 collections containing approximately 1,500 donated, purchased and/or commissioned artworks.

Note 7 Collections (continued)

(i) The Glenbow-Alberta Institute, under contract to the Province of Alberta, manages the care of, and access to, a publicly owned collection of approximately 226,000 artifacts in cultural history, military history, ethnology, art and mineralogy; approximately 5,500 linear metres of textual and archival records; over 2,100,000 historical photographs; about 350 hours of film footage; and 7,200 sound recordings. The collection is continually enhanced each year.

(j) The Government House Foundation actively collects various significant items pertaining to the history of Government House. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, furnishings, books and silverware. The majority of the collection is used or displayed in Government House, while some items are on loan to other provincial institutions.

At March 31, 2006, the collection consisted of approximately 388 (2005 – 379) pieces of artworks and other items, with an approximate value of $978,417 (2005 – $948,342). During the year, the Foundation purchased 5 artworks at a total cost of $22,900 (2005 – Nil). Contributions to the collections included 4 artworks and other items with an appraised value of $7,715 (2005 – Nil), and there were no dispositions during the year (2005 – Nil).

(k) The Alberta Foundation for the Arts actively collects visual artworks, which document the Province's significant visual artistic achievement. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, ceramics, glass, fibre and prints. At year end, the collection consisted of approximately 7,434 (2005 – 7,381) artworks with an approximate value of $8,672,000 (2005 – $8,329,000). During the year, the Foundation purchased 29 (2005 – 147) artworks by Alberta artists at a total cost of $276,000 (2005 – $295,150); contributions to the collection included 24 (2005 – 81) artworks with an appraised value of $66,900 (2005 – $189,940). There were two artwork dispositions during the year (2005 – Nil).

(l) The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has a collection of historical assets which is comprised of paintings, sketches, photographs and antique furnishings. At year end, the collection consisted of 379 (2005 – 380) artworks with an estimated value of $16,150 (2005 – $16,250), and 30 (2005 – 30) antique furnishings estimated at $12,700 (2005 – $12,700). During the year, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation did not acquire any historical assets (2005 – Nil) and there was 1 (2005 – 21) disposition.

(m) The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation has a collection of artworks consisting of 19 (2005 – 20) prints of the Waterfowl of North America Collection # 1250 with an approximate value of $5,333 (2005 – $5,652). During the year, there was 1 (2005 – 2) disposition.

Note 8 Net Assets (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005 Restated (Note 15)
Unrestricted Funds	$ 162,810	$ 174,575
Endowment Funds	6,914	6,914
Externally Restricted Funds	3,914	3,921
General Reserves	1,967	1,967
Internally Restricted Funds	146	141
	$ 175,751	$ 187,518

Note 9 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005 Restated (Note 15)
Grant Agreements	$ 39,114	$ 32,564
Long-term Leases	11,569	2,225
Service Contracts	33,097	1,950
	$ 83,780	$ 36,739

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 25,449	$ 9,194	$ 12,769	$ 47,412
2008	13,490	976	5,232	19,698
2009	175	1,119	5,096	6,390
2010	-	148	5,000	5,148
2011	-	66	5,000	5,066
Thereafter	-	66	-	66
	$ 39,114	$ 11,569	$ 33,097	$ 83,780

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Note 10 Contingent Liabilities (thousands of dollars)

At March 31, 2006, the Ministry is a defendant in nine legal claims (2005 - ten legal claims). Six of these claims have specified amounts totalling $1,081 and the remaining three have no specified amount (2005 - nine claims with a specified amount of $2,736 and one with no specified amount). Included in the total legal claims are two claims amounting to $150 (2005 – two claims amounting to $150) in which the Ministry has been jointly named with other entities. Eight claims amounting to $1,081 (2005 – seven claims amounting to $2,456) are covered by the Alberta Risk Management Fund.

The resulting loss, if any, from these claims cannot be determined.

Certain contingent liabilities may exist for site remediation and reclamation, which may be the responsibility of the Ministry. The preliminary estimate of the amount of such potential contingent liabilities is $1,000 (2005 – $1,863).

Note 11 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars)

The Ministry administers trust funds that are regulated funds consisting of public money over which the Legislature has no power of appropriation. Because the Province has no equity in the funds and administers them for the purposes of various trusts, they are not included in the Ministry's financial statements.

As at March 31, 2006, trust funds under administration were as follows:

	2006	2005
Parks General Trust and Performance Deposits	$ 460	$ 401
Gakken Dinosaur Exhibit Trust Fund	168	163
Fort Dunvegan Historical Society Trust Fund	7	7
	$ 635	$ 571

In addition to the above trust funds under administration, the Ministry holds bank guarantees in the form of letters of credit in the amount of $2,879 (2005 – $1,392).

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Note 12 Defined Benefit Plans (thousands of dollars)

The Ministry participates in the multi-employer pension plans, Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Ministry also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for these pension plans is equivalent to the annual contributions of $4,083 for the year ended March 31, 2006 (2005 – $3,462).

At December 31, 2005, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $165,895 (2004 – $268,101) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $187,704 (2004 – $450,068). At December 31, 2005, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a surplus of $10,018 (2004 – $9,404).

The Ministry also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2006, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of $8,699 (2005 – $11,817) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan an actuarial surplus of $8,309 (2005 – $3,208). The expense for these two plans is limited to employer's annual contributions for the year.

Note 13 Jubilee Auditoria Operations

Commencing in the current year, the Ministry is recording the revenues, expenses and surpluses of the operations at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

Note 14 Subsequent Events

Effective April 1, 2006, the Alberta Film Development Program will be transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development along with a budget of $13.5 million.

Note 15 Comparative Figures

Certain 2005 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2006 presentation.

Note 16 Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister.

Schedule 1

Ministry of Community Development
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	$ 99,527	$ 99,527	$ 85,806
Transfer from Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	80	55	60
	99,607	99,582	85,866
Transfers from the Government of Canada			
Other	1,937	1,841	1,486
Investment Income			
Interest	1,558	1,355	861
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
Admission Fees	3,777	3,799	3,595
Camping Fees	2,911	2,861	2,398
Film Classification	520	607	601
Lands and Grazing	657	536	521
Other	1,088	965	735
	8,953	8,768	7,850
Other Revenue			
Recoveries	3,047	2,408	2,418
Donations and Contributions in Kind	2,250	2,801	2,228
Refunds of Expenses	245	520	953
Sales	505	2,771	553
Rental Revenue	3,421	3,381	153
Other	1,274	1,659	1,763
	10,742	13,540	8,068
Total Revenues	$ 122,797	$ 125,086	$ 104,131

Ministry of Community Development
Dedicated Revenue Initiatives
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		
	Authorized Dedicated Revenues	Actual Dedicated Revenues[a]	(Shortfall) / Excess[f]
Park Operations[b]	$ 5,713	$ 5,272	$ (441)
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources[c]	1,250	1,230	(20)
Heritage Resources Management[d]	814	666	(148)
Francophone Secretariat[e]	500	480	(20)
	$ 8,277	$ 7,648	$ (629)

[a] Revenues from dedicated revenue initiatives are included in the Ministry's revenues in the Statement of Operations and Schedule 1.

[b] The Parks and Protected Areas division collects various fees and other revenues that are used to partially offset the cost of providing services. These include fees for the use of campgrounds, park facilities and lands, heritage appreciation services (e.g. interpretive bus tours), as well as contributions, sponsorships, donations, grants and payments by corporations, private sector operators, foundations, individuals and others.

[c] Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources dedicated revenue is related to donations of artifacts and other items to various historic sites and cultural facilities.

[d] The Government of Canada provided funding to provinces and territories to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative. The funds are intended to promote development of the Canadian Register of Historic Places, use of nation-wide standards and guidelines and, in particular, greater municipal involvement in the identification and protection of historic places.

[e] The Government of Canada provided funding to the Francophone Secretariat for the Canada-Alberta Cooperation Agreement to promote the official languages.

[f] Shortfall is deducted from current year's authorized budget, as disclosed in Schedule 4 to the financial statements.

Schedule 3

Ministry of Community Development
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 116,575	$ 162,183	$ 94,344
Supplies and Services	56,461	59,134	41,492
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	-	24	-
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	62,701	63,300	56,041
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	11,007	9,531	9,494
Financial Transactions and Other	87	160	96
	$ 246,831	$ 294,332	$ 201,467
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Environmental Obligations	$ -	$ 15,537	$ -
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	40	(2)
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	133	228
	$ 217	$ 15,710	$ 226

[a] The Ministry received human resource services from the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development.

Schedule 4

Ministry of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2005-2006				
	Estimates	Adjustment	Budget	Authorized Supplementary[a]	Authorized Budget
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers	$ 99,607	$ -	$ 99,607	$ -	$ 99,607
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,937	-	1,937	250 [c]	2,187
Investment Income	1,558	-	1,558	-	1,558
Premiums, Fees and Licences	8,953	-	8,953	-	8,953
Other Revenue	10,742	-	10,742	-	10,742
	122,797	-	122,797	250	123,047
Expenses					
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	96,375	-	96,375	26,700 [d]	123,075
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,594	-	5,594	-	5,594
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	85,320	-	85,320	23,962 [c,e,f,g]	109,282
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	47,996	-	47,996	2,495 [g]	50,491
Ministry Support Services	11,546	-	11,546	-	11,546
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall	-	(629) [b]	(629)	-	(629)
	246,831	(629)	246,202	53,157	299,359
Valuation Adjustments					
Provision for Environmental Obligations	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	-	217	-	217
	217	-	217	-	217
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	1,547	-	1,547	-	1,547
Net Operating Results	$ (122,704)	$ 629	$ (122,075)	$ (52,907)	$ (174,982)
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	$ 3,620	$ -	$ 3,620	$ 1,323 [c,f,g]	$ 4,943
Capital Investment	$ 41,192	$ -	$ 41,192	$ 4,863 [c,e,f,g]	$ 46,055

Ministry of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

(a) Supplementary estimates were approved on December 1, 2005 and March 16, 2006. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).

(b) Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).

(c) Treasury Board authorized a dedicated revenue increase of $250 for the acquisition of a Grey Gull Helicopter for display at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.

(d) Supplementary estimate of $20,000 for a one-time grant to assist with cost pressures associated with the operations and maintenance of libraries; $5,500 to support a film production on the World War I Battle of Passchendale in honour of the Year of the Veteran and Alberta's 2005 Centennial; and $1,200 to feature Alberta at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.

(e) Supplementary estimate of $15,000 for a Centennial grant to the Calgary Zoo for the Project Discovery and Gateway to the North initiatives; and $9,000 for a Centennial grant to Calgary's Heritage Park Society for the redevelopment of the park.

(f) Net reallocation of $288 from operating expense to equipment/inventory purchases.

(g) Reallocation of $2,495 from capital investment to operating expense to replace fire pits and picnic tables and resurface roads within provincial parks.

(h) Reallocation of $1,035 from capital investment to equipment/inventory purchases to upgrade or replace interpretive and educational displays and signage within provincial parks ($535) and exhibit redevelopment at various museums and historic sites ($500).

(i) Supplementary estimate of $6,500 for increasing construction costs related to the upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre.

(j) Treasury Board approved a $1,893 capital carry-over of the 2004-05 unused appropriation.

Ministry of Community Development
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements. Related parties also include management in the Ministry.

The Ministry and its employees paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Ministry receives services under contracts managed by the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency (RGE). Any commitments under these contracts are reported by the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency (RGE).

The Ministry had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the consolidated Statement of Operations and the consolidated Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Other Entities	
	2006	2005
Revenues		
Lottery Fund	$ 99,527	$ 85,806
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	55	60
	$ 99,582	$ 85,866
Expenses – Directly Incurred		
Other Services	$ 5,241	$ 5,053
Tangible Capital Assets Transferred From (To) Others	$ 160	$ (787)
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ 43

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 3.

The Ministry also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the consolidated financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 6.

	Other Entities	
	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others		
Accommodation	$ 22,930	$ 19,655
Parks Maintenance	1,499	2,672
Legal	405	348
Internal Audit	198	-
	$ 25,032	$ 22,675

Ministry of Community Development
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006									2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				Valuation Adjustments[f]				
Program	Expenses[a]	Accommodation Costs[b]	Parks Maintenance[c]	Legal Services[d]	Internal Audit Services[e]	Provision for Environmental Obligations	Provision for Vacation Pay	Provision for Doubtful Accounts	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	$ 121,455	$ 2,229	$ -	$ 70	$ 48	$ -	$ 21	$ 1	$ 123,824	$ 93,026
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,640	158	-	-	1	-	7	-	5,806	5,439
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	107,557	18,511	-	93	31	14,500	42	14	140,748	69,976
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	48,348	1,655	1,499	181	117	1,037	55	25	52,917	45,112
Ministry Support Services	11,332	377	-	61	1	-	8	-	11,779	10,815
	$ 294,332	$ 22,930	$ 1,499	$ 405	$ 198	$ 15,537	$ 133	$ 40	$ 335,074	$ 224,368

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Consolidated Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 5, allocated by square footage.
[c] The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation provides road and bridge maintenance to Parks and Protected Areas. Costs shown for Parks Maintenance on Schedule 5, allocated to the program.
[d] Costs for Legal Services on Schedule 5, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[e] The Department of Executive Council provides Internal Audit Services. Costs shown for Internal Audit Services on Schedule 5, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[f] Valuation Adjustments as per Statement of Operations. Environmental Obligations, Employee Benefits and Doubtful Accounts provision included in Valuation Adjustments were allocated as follows:
- Environmental Obligations – allocated to the program.
- Vacation Pay – allocated to the program by employee.
- Doubtful Accounts Provision – estimated allocation to program.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Department of Community Development (the Department) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Department as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Department of Community Development
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget (Schedule 4)	Actual	Actual
Revenues (Schedules 1 and 2)			
Internal Government Transfers	$ 99,537	$ 99,537	$ 85,816
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,329	1,409	1,123
Premiums, Fees and Licences	4,895	4,677	4,028
Other Revenue	2,373	3,123	3,349
	108,134	108,746	94,316
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedule 8)			
Voted (Schedules 3 and 5)			
Ministry Support Services	11,546	11,332	10,390
Community Services	92,735	118,676	88,664
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,349	5,468	5,077
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	74,183	97,256	47,542
Parks and Protected Areas	47,996	48,348	40,735
	231,809	281,080	192,408
Statutory (Schedules 3 and 5)			
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	10	10
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Environmental Obligations	-	15,537	-
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	25	2
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	133	228
	227	15,705	240
	232,036	296,785	192,648
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	1,547	(253)	18
Net Operating Results	$ (122,355)	$ (188,292)	$ (98,314)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash	$ 66	$ 72
Accounts Receivable (Note 3)	1,333	1,119
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	207,477	175,812
	$ 208,876	$ 177,003
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 63,212	$ 16,479
Unearned Revenue	196	207
	63,408	16,686
Net Assets		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	160,317	160,581
Net Operating Results	(188,292)	(98,314)
Net Transfer from General Revenues	173,443	98,050
Net Assets at End of Year	145,468	160,317
	$ 208,876	$ 177,003

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005 Restated (Note 10)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (188,292)	$ (98,314)
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	8,989	8,986
Valuation Adjustments	15,695	230
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	253	(18)
	(163,355)	(89,116)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable before Valuation Adjustments	(238)	174
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities before Valuation Adjustments	31,061	(2,269)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(11)	11
Cash Applied to Operating Transactions	(132,543)	(91,200)
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 5)	(40,469)	(8,524)
Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	9	54
Transfers of Tangible Capital Assets	(160)	787
Donation of Tangible Capital Assets	(286)	(272)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(40,906)	(7,955)
Financing Transactions		
Net Transfer from General Revenues	173,443	98,050
Decrease in Cash	(6)	(1,105)
Cash, Beginning of Year	72	1,177
Cash, End of Year	$ 66	$ 72

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Department of Community Development (Department) operates under the authority of the *Government Organization Act*, Chapter G-10, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Department is to enhance and preserve the quality of life for Albertans. This is done by:

- Supporting a high quality of life in Alberta by working in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in the arts and culture, sport and recreation, library and voluntary sectors;
- Increasing understanding and awareness of diversity, fostering equality and reducing discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province;
- Preserving, protecting, presenting, researching and promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and providing opportunities for heritage tourism; and
- Maintaining Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and providing opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all departments.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Department of Community Development, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. Other entities reporting to the Minister are:

- Alberta Foundation for the Arts
- The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
- Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
- The Government House Foundation
- Historic Resources Fund
- Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
- The Wild Rose Foundation

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

The activities of these organizations are not included in these financial statements. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

All departments of the Government of Alberta operate within the General Revenue Fund (Fund). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance. All cash receipts of departments are deposited into the Fund and all cash disbursements made by departments are paid from the Fund. Net transfer from General Revenues is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements made.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Dedicated Revenue

Dedicated revenue initiatives provide a basis for authorizing spending. Dedicated revenues are shown as credits or recoveries in the details of the Government Estimates for a supply vote. If actual dedicated revenues are less than budget and total voted expenses are not reduced by an amount sufficient to cover the deficiency in dedicated revenues, the following year's voted expenses are encumbered. If actual dedicated revenues exceed budget, the Department may, with the approval of the Treasury Board, use the excess revenue to fund additional expenses on the program. Schedule 2 discloses information on the Department's dedicated revenue initiatives.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Department has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include:

- Amortization of tangible capital assets;
- Pension costs which comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year; and
- Valuation adjustments which include changes in the valuation allowances used to reflect financial assets at their net recoverable or other appropriate value. Valuation adjustments also represent the change in management's estimate of future payments arising from obligations relating to vacation pay and environmental obligations.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Department operations are disclosed in Schedule 8.

Assets

Financial assets of the Department are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals.

Assets acquired by right are not included. Tangible capital assets of the Department are recorded at historical cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other tangible capital assets is $5,000. All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

When physical assets (tangible capital assets and inventories) are gifted or sold for a nominal sum to parties external to the government reporting entity, the fair values of these physical assets less any nominal proceeds are recorded as grants in kind.

Collections of historic and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art held by the Department are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Environmental obligations are recorded as liabilities when there is little or no discretion to avoid settlement of the obligation and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Net Assets

Net assets represents the difference between the carrying value of assets held by the Department and its liabilities.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short term nature of these instruments.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Measurement Uncertainty

Measurement uncertainty exists when there is a variance between the recognized or disclosed amount and another reasonably possible amount. Environmental obligations are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and a provision in the amount of $15,537, was recorded for Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources ($14,500) and Parks and Protected Areas ($1,037), based on management's best estimates that reflect the most probable course of action. Increased construction costs, or other unanticipated changes may affect these estimates.

Note 3 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 1,356	$ (49)	$ 1,307	$ 1,099
Refunds from Suppliers	26	-	26	20
	$ 1,382	$ (49)	$ 1,333	$ 1,119

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Department of Community Development
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2006

Note 4 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2006 Cost	2006 Accumulated Amortization	2006 Net Book Value	2005 Net Book Value
General Capital Assets					
Buildings	20-40 years	$ 130,537	$ (65,518)	$ 65,019	$ 47,757
Land		38,091	-	38,091	37,982
Computer Hardware and Software	5-8 years	1,994	(936)	1,058	818
Equipment	3-10 years	28,103	(14,976)	13,127	3,443
Other	20 years	16,004	(15,883)	121	707
Infrastructure Assets					
Land Improvements	40 years	148,692	(77,340)	71,352	66,980
Highways and Roads	40 years	49,270	(32,713)	16,557	16,000
Bridges	60 years	2,972	(820)	2,152	2,125
		$ 415,663	$ (208,186)	$ 207,477	$ 175,812

Note 5 Collections

Collections consist of historical and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art of provincial, national and international significance located in the archives, museums and historical sites of the Province of Alberta. The Department has not recorded the value of these collections in the financial statements due to the practical difficulties of reflecting them at a meaningful value. The collections are insured for $360 million. A description of the major collections is as follows:

(a) The Province, through the Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities Branch, preserves and presents 9 historic sites that contain 48 restored historic buildings/structures and 3 stabilized ruins. The Branch also operates 3 interpretive centers, 2 museums and 2 cultural facilities. As well, it administers an additional 3 historic sites, which contain 58 undeveloped historic buildings/structures. In addition, the Branch owns 1 developed historic resource (leased to a society), 13 cairns, 4 archaeological sites and 1 palaeontological site. In total, the Department owns 1,904 hectares of land deemed to be of historic significance.

Note 5 Collections (continued)

(b) The Royal Alberta Museum maintains 13 curatorial programs, with total collection holdings comprising approximately 10 million objects. This includes more than 1,270,000 objects on-site; over 16,000 warehoused objects off site and another estimated 8,720,000 archaeological artifacts collected as part of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta permit process. The collections represent a highly diverse complement of cultural and natural heritage. These include mammals, birds, fish, insects, plants, minerals, gems, First Nations ethnographical material, military and cultural history artifacts, coins, as well as industrial, domestic, and textile collections; and the permitted archaeological materials recovered in Alberta, all with associated images, audio and books.

(c) The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology collection has over 115,000 catalogued items including original and replica fossils. Annually, approximately 2,000 specimens are accessioned into the collection.

(d) Reynolds-Alberta Museum exhibits approximately 150 major agricultural, industrial and transportation artifacts, and provides conservation, maintenance and restoration services for an additional collection of approximately 3,140 major and 3,440 smaller artifacts. Included in these numbers are 80 vintage aircraft, 8 of which are on permanent loan to the museum. The museum also houses a collection of documents, numbering over 50,000 pieces, related to the museum's mechanization themes.

(e) The Remington Carriage Museum houses one of the largest collections of horse drawn vehicles in North America, with 265 carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs, and approximately 690 associated small artifacts.

(f) The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village is responsible for the management of Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities' collection of approximately 52,432 artifacts. Approximately 5,000 of these objects are used to furnish various smaller sites throughout the province, and 8,000 objects furnish the historic buildings at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. The remaining artifacts are preserved in storage.

(g) The Provincial Archives of Alberta holds approximately 39,900 linear metres of government textual records; 4,700 linear metres of private textual records; 61,800 maps; 27,600 architectural drawings; 2,168,600 photographic images; 46,900 hours of sound recordings; 66,000 hours of film and video materials; and 12,535 volumes of library holdings.

(h) The Collection Management Unit of the Arts Branch manages 14 collections containing approximately 1,500 donated, purchased and/or commissioned artworks.

Note 5 Collections (continued)

(i) The Glenbow-Alberta Institute, under contract to the Province of Alberta, manages the care of, and access to, a publicly owned collection of approximately 226,000 artifacts in cultural history, military history, ethnology, art and mineralogy; approximately 5.5 shelf kilometres of textual and archival records; over 2,100,000 historical photographs; about 350 hours of film footage; and 7,200 sound recordings. The collection is continually enhanced each year.

Note 6 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 400	$ 2,734
Long-term Leases	11,090	1,905
Service Contracts	25,493	73
	$ 36,983	$ 4,712

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 400	$ 9,087	$ 6,287	$ 15,774
2008	-	887	4,806	5,693
2009	-	1,038	4,800	5,838
2010	-	78	4,800	4,878
2011	-	-	4,800	4,800
	$ 400	$ 11,090	$ 25,493	$ 36,983

Note 7 Contingent Liabilities (thousands of dollars)

At March 31, 2006, the Department is a defendant in nine legal claims (2005 - ten legal claims). Six of these claims have specified amounts totalling $1,081 and the remaining three have no specified amount (2005 - nine claims with a specified amount of $2,736 and one with no specified amount). Included in the total legal claims are two claims amounting to $150 (2005 – two claims amounting to $150) in which the Department has been jointly named with other entities. Eight claims amounting to $1,081 (2005 – seven claims amounting to $2,456) are covered by the Alberta Risk Management Fund.

Note 7 Contingent Liabilities (thousands of dollars) (continued)

The resulting loss, if any, from these claims cannot be determined.

Certain contingent liabilities may exist for site remediation and reclamation, which may be the responsibility of the Department. The preliminary estimate of the amount of such potential contingent liabilities is $1,000 (2005 – $1,863).

Note 8 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars)

The Department administers trust funds that are regulated funds consisting of public money over which the Legislature has no power of appropriation. Because the Province has no equity in the funds and administers them for the purposes of various trusts, they are not included in the Department's financial statements.

As at March 31, 2006, trust funds under administration were as follows:

	2006	2005
Parks General Trust and Performance Deposits	$ 460	$ 401
Gakken Dinosaur Exhibit Trust Fund	168	163
Fort Dunvegan Historical Society Trust Fund	7	7
	$ 635	$ 571

In addition to the above trust funds under administration, the Department holds bank guarantees in the form of letters of credit in the amount of $2,879 (2005 – $1,392).

Note 9 Defined Benefit Plans (thousands of dollars)

The Department participates in the multi-employer pension plans, Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Department also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for these pension plans is equivalent to the annual contributions of $4,083 for the year ended March 31, 2006 (2005 – $3,462).

At December 31, 2005, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $165,895 (2004 – $268,101) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $187,704 (2004 – $450,068). At December 31, 2005, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a surplus of $10,018 (2004 – $9,404).

Note 9 Defined Benefit Plans (thousands of dollars) (continued)

The Department also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2006, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of $8,699 (2005 – $11,817) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan an actuarial surplus of $8,309 (2005 – $3,208). The expense for these two plans is limited to employer's annual contributions for the year.

Note 10 Comparative Figures

Certain 2005 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2006 presentation.

Note 11 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister.

Schedule 1

Department of Community Development
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	$ 99,527	$ 99,527	$ 85,806
Transfer from Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	10	10	10
	99,537	99,537	85,816
Transfer from the Government of Canada			
Other	1,329	1,409	1,123
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
Camping	2,911	2,861	2,398
Land and Grazing	657	536	521
Film Classification	520	607	601
Other	807	673	508
	4,895	4,677	4,028
Other Revenue			
Contribution in Kind	1,000	1,717	1,111
Refunds of Expenses	50	174	486
Other	1,323	1,232	1,752
	2,373	3,123	3,349
	$ 108,134	$ 108,746	$ 94,316

Department of Community Development
Dedicated Revenue Initiatives
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		
	Authorized Dedicated Revenues	Actual Dedicated Revenues[a]	(Shortfall) / Excess[f]
Park Operations[b]	$ 5,713	$ 5,272	$ (441)
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources[c]	1,250	1,230	(20)
Heritage Resources Management[d]	814	666	(148)
Francophone Secretariat[e]	500	480	(20)
	$ 8,277	$ 7,648	$ (629)

[a] Revenues from dedicated revenue initiatives are included in the Department's revenues in the Statement of Operations and Schedule 1.

[b] The Parks and Protected Areas division collects various fees and other revenues that are used to partially offset the cost of providing services. These include fees for the use of campgrounds, park facilities and lands, heritage appreciation services (e.g. interpretive bus tours), as well as contributions, sponsorships, donations, grants and payments by corporations, private sector operators, foundations, individuals and others.

[c] Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources dedicated revenue is related to donations of artifacts and other items to various historic sites and cultural facilities.

[d] The Government of Canada provided funding to provinces and territories to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative. The funds are intended to promote development of the Canadian Register of Historic Places, use of nation-wide standards and guidelines and, in particular, greater municipal involvement in the identification and protection of historic places.

[e] The Government of Canada provided funding to the Francophone Secretariat for the Canada-Alberta Cooperation Agreement to promote the official languages.

[f] Shortfall is deducted from current year's authorized budget, as disclosed in Schedules 4 and 5 to the financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Voted			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	$ 62,701	$ 63,286	$ 56,032
Supplies and Services	38,169	40,995	28,057
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	-	24	-
Grants	124,738	172,035	103,658
Financial Transactions and Other	87	117	96
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	10,499	8,987	8,986
Total Voted Expenses before Recoveries	236,194	285,444	196,829
Less: Recovery from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[b]	(4,385)	(4,364)	(4,421)
	$ 231,809	$ 281,080	$ 192,408
Statutory			
Grants	$ 10	$ 10	$ 10
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Environmental Obligations	-	15,537	-
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	25	2
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	133	228
	$ 227	$ 15,705	$ 240

[a] The Department received human resource services from the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.
[b] The Department provided financial and administrative services to the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development. Costs incurred by the Department for these services were recovered from the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development.

Schedule 4

Department of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2005-2006				
	Estimates	Adjustment	Budget	Authorized Supplementary[a]	Authorized Budget
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers	$ 99,537	$ -	$ 99,537	$ -	$ 99,537
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,329	-	1,329	250 [b]	1,579
Premiums, Fees and Licences	4,895	-	4,895	-	4,895
Other Revenue	2,373	-	2,373	-	2,373
	108,134	-	108,134	250	108,384
Expenses – Directly Incurred					
Voted Expenses					
Ministry Support Services	11,546	-	11,546	-	11,546
Community Services	92,735	-	92,735	26,700 [d]	119,435
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,349	-	5,349	-	5,349
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	74,183	-	74,183	23,962 [c,e,f,g]	98,145
Parks and Protected Areas	47,996	-	47,996	2,495 [g]	50,491
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall	-	(629) [h]	(629)	-	(629)
	231,809	(629)	231,180	53,157	284,337
Statutory Expenses					
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	-	10	-	10
Valuation adjustments					
Provision for Environmental Obligations	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	-	217	-	217
	227	-	227	-	227
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	1,547	-	1,547	-	1,547
Net Operating Results	$ (122,355)	$ 629	$ (121,726)	$ (52,907)	$ (174,633)
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	$ 3,440	$ -	$ 3,440	$ 1,323 [f,g]	$ 4,763
Capital Investment	$ 41,192	$ -	$ 41,192	$ 4,863 [g,h,i,j]	$ 46,055

Department of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

[a] Supplementary estimates were approved on December 1, 2005 and March 16, 2006. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).
[b] Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).
[c] Treasury Board authorized a dedicated revenue increase of $250 for the acquisition of a Grey Gull Helicopter for display at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.
[d] Supplementary estimate of $20,000 for a one-time grant to assist with cost pressures associated with the operations and maintenance of libraries; $5,500 to support a film production on the World War I Battle of Passchendale in honour of the Year of the Veteran and Alberta's 2005 Centennial; and $1,200 to feature Alberta at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.
[e] Supplementary estimate of $15,000 for a Centennial grant to the Calgary Zoo for the Project Discovery and Gateway to the North initiatives; and $9,000 for a Centennial grant to Calgary's Heritage Park Society for the redevelopment of the park.
[f] Net reallocation of $288 from operating expense to equipment/inventory purchases.
[g] Reallocation of $2,495 from capital investment to operating expense to replace fire pits and picnic tables and resurface roads within provincial parks.
[h] Reallocation of $1,035 from capital investment to equipment/inventory purchases to upgrade or replace interpretive and educational displays and signage within provincial parks ($535) and exhibit redevelopment at various museums and historic sites ($500).
[i] Supplementary estimate of $6,500 for increasing construction costs related to the upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre.
[j] Treasury Board approved a $1,893 capital carry-over of the 2004-05 unused appropriation.

Schedule 5

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

		2005-2006 Estimates	Adjustments	2005-2006 Budget	2005-2006 Authorized Supplementary[a,a]	2005-2006 Authorized Budget	2005-2006 Actual[b,b]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
Voted Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment								
1	Ministry Support Services							
1.0.1	Minister's Office	$ 431	$ -	$ 431	$ -	$ 431	$ 454	$ (23)
1.0.2	Deputy Minister's Office	509	-	509	-	509	594	(85)
1.0.3	Strategic Corporate Services							
	- Operating Expense	4,647	-	4,647	-	4,647	4,780	(133)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	50	-	50	-	50	55	(5)
1.0.4	Corporate Costs	5,461	-	5,461	-	5,461	5,014	447
1.0.5	Communications	498	-	498	-	498	490	8
		11,596	-	11,596	-	11,596	11,387	209
2	Community Services							
2.1	Management and Operations							
2.1.1	Program Support	962	-	962	-	962	941	21
2.1.2	Arts Development							
	- Operating Expense	1,563	-	1,563	200 [a,b]	1,763	2,176	(413)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	83	(83)
2.1.3	Community and Voluntary Sector Services							
	- Operating Expense	3,917	-	3,917	-	3,917	4,015	(98)
2.1.4	Sport and Recreation							
	- Operating Expense	1,271	-	1,271	-	1,271	1,389	(118)
2.1.5	Library Services	559	-	559	-	559	725	(166)
2.1.6	Francophone Secretariat	824	-	824	-	824	807	17
		9,096	-	9,096	200	9,296	10,136	(840)
2.2	Financial Assistance							
2.2.1	Community Services Grants	100	-	100	5,500 [a,c]	5,600	5,678	(78)
2.2.2	Library Grants	19,934	-	19,934	20,000 [a,d]	39,934	39,993	(59)

Schedule 5

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

		2005-2006 Estimates	Adjustments	2005-2006 Budget	2005-2006 Authorized Supplementary[a]	2005-2006 Authorized Budget	2005-2006 Actual[b]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
2.2.3	Hosting Major Athletic Events							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	2,175	-	2,175	-	2,175	2,175	-
2.2.4	Alberta NHL Teams Initiative	3,460	-	3,460	-	3,460	1,530	1,930
2.2.5	Assistance to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts							
	- Operating Expense	-	-	-	1,000 [c]	1,000	1,277	(277)
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	32,534	-	32,534	-	32,534	32,534	-
2.2.6	Assistance to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	17,670	-	17,670	-	17,670	17,670	-
2.2.7	Assistance to the Wild Rose Foundation							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	7,766	-	7,766	-	7,766	7,766	-
		83,639	-	83,639	26,500	110,139	108,623	1,516
		92,735	-	92,735	26,700	119,435	118,759	676
3	Human Rights and Citizenship							
3.0.1	Human Rights and Citizenship	4,084	-	4,084	-	4,084	4,203	(119)
3.0.2	Financial Assistance to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,265	-	1,265	-	1,265	1,265	-
		5,349	-	5,349	-	5,349	5,468	(119)

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

		2005-2006 Estimates	Adjustments	2005-2006 Budget	2005-2006 Authorized Supplementary[a,c]	2005-2006 Authorized Budget	2005-2006 Actual[b,c]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
4	Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources							
4.1	Management and Operations							
4.1.1	Program Support	1,109	-	1,109	-	1,109	1,021	88
4.1.2	Royal Museum of Alberta	4,888	-	4,888	-	4,888	5,068	(180)
4.1.3	Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology							
	- Operating Expense	2,890	-	2,890	(200) [g]	2,690	2,238	452
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	200 [g]	200	516	(316)
4.1.4	Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities							
	- Operating Expense	9,837	-	9,837	232 [g,j]	10,069	10,661	(592)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	268 [g,h,k]	268	947	(679)
4.1.5	Provincial Archives of Alberta							
	- Operating Expense	2,001	-	2,001	(80) [g]	1,921	2,056	(135)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	80 [g]	80	52	28
4.1.6	Heritage Resource Management							
	- Operating Expense	4,169	-	4,169	(240) [g]	3,929	3,672	257
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	240 [g]	240	280	(40)
4.1.7	Acquisition of Historical Collections	1,000	-	1,000	250 [i]	1,250	1,305	(55)
4.1.8	Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative	10,172	-	10,172	-	10,172	9,263	909
		36,066	-	36,066	750	36,816	37,079	(263)
4.2	Financial Assistance							
4.2.1	Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Grants							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,030	-	1,030	-	1,030	1,030	-
4.2.2	Assistance to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	7,087	-	7,087	-	7,087	7,087	-
4.2.3	Centennial Grants							
	- Operating Expense	-	-	-	24,000 [i]	24,000	24,000	-
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	29,855	145
		38,117	-	38,117	24,000	62,117	61,972	145
		74,183	-	74,183	24,750	98,933	99,051	(118)

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2005-2006 Estimates	Adjustments	2005-2006 Budget	2005-2006 Authorized Supplementary[a]	2005-2006 Authorized Budget	2005-2006 Actual[b]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
5 Parks and Protected Areas							
5.0.1 Program Support	259	-	259	-	259	281	(22)
5.0.2 Parks Policy and Planning	3,859	-	3,859	-	3,859	3,944	(85)
5.0.3 Parks Operations							
- Operating Expense	32,071	-	32,071	2,495 [a]	34,566	35,419	(853)
- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	3,390	-	3,390	535 [a]	3,925	4,061	(136)
- Capital Investment	41,192	-	41,192	4,863 [a] [see statement]	46,055	34,761	11,294
5.0.4 Nominal Sum Disposals	1,582	-	1,582	-	1,582	-	1,582
5.0.5 Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	10,225	-	10,225	-	10,225	8,704	1,521
	92,578	-	92,578	7,893	100,471	87,170	13,301
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall (Schedule 2)		(629) [c]	(629)	-	(629)	-	(629)
Total Voted Expenses	$ 276,441	$ (629)	$ 275,812	$ 59,343	$ 335,155	$ 321,835	$ 13,320
Operating Expense	$ 132,282	$ (629)	$ 131,653	$ 53,157	$ 184,810	$ 181,698	$ 3,112
Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	99,527	-	99,527	-	99,527	99,382	145
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	3,440	-	3,440	1,323	4,763	5,994	(1,231)
	$ 235,249	$ (629)	$ 234,620	$ 54,480	$ 289,100	$ 287,074	$ 2,026
Capital Investment	41,192	-	41,192	4,863	46,055	34,761	11,294
Total Voted Expenses	$ 276,441	$ (629)	$ 275,812	$ 59,343	$ 335,155	$ 321,835	$ 13,320
Statutory Expenses							
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	$ 10	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ 10	$ 10	$ -
Valuation Adjustments	217	-	217	-	217	15,695	(15,478)
	$ 227	$ -	$ 227	$ -	$ 227	$ 15,705	$ (15,478)

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

[a] Supplementary estimates were approved on December 1, 2005 and March 16, 2006. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).
[b] Includes achievement bonus amounting to $892.
[c] Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).
[d] Supplementary estimate of $1,200 to feature Alberta at the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. in July 2006, including a showcase of Alberta's folklife and worklife traditions, and a culinary program. The department will spend $200 to act as a liaison for festival and exhibit planning, and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts will grant $1 million to the Smithsonian Institution to assist with the management of the Festival.
[e] Supplementary estimate of $5,500 to support a film production on the World War I Battle of Passchendale in honour of the Year of the Veteran and Alberta's 2005 Centennial.
[f] Supplementary estimate of $20,000 for a one-time grant to assist with cost pressures associated with the operations and maintenance of libraries.
[g] Net reallocation of $288 from operating expense to equipment/inventory purchases.
[h] Reallocation of $500 from capital investment to equipment/inventory purchases for exhibit redevelopment at various museums and historic sites.
[i] Treasury Board authorized a dedicated revenue increase of $250 for the acquisition of a Grey Gull Helicopter for display at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.
[j] Supplementary estimate of $15,000 for a Centennial grant to the Calgary Zoo for the Project Discovery and Gateway to the North initiatives; and $9 million for a Centennial grant to Calgary's Heritage Park Society for the redevelopment of the park.
[k] Reallocation of $2,495 from capital investment to operating expense to replace fire pits and picnic tables and resurface roads within provincial parks.
[l] Reallocation of $535 from capital investment to equipment/inventory purchases to upgrade or replace interpretive and educational displays and signage within provincial parks.
[m] Supplementary estimate of $6,500 for increasing construction costs related to the upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre.
[n] Treasury Board approved a $1,893 capital carry-over of the 2004-05 unused appropriation.

Department of Community Development
Salary and Benefits Disclosure
Year ended March 31, 2006

	2006				2005
	Base Salary[a]	Other Cash Benefits[b]	Other Non-cash Benefits[c]	Total	Total
Senior Officials					
Deputy Minister[d]	$ 189,225	$ 36,000	$ 41,512	$ 266,737	$ 218,576
Chief Commissioner, Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission	136,164	21,197	2,770	160,131	150,457
Executives					
Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Citizenship Services[e]	145,892	24,792	33,941	204,625	182,510
Assistant Deputy Minister, Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	139,936	15,614	32,446	187,996	163,621
Assistant Deputy Minister, Parks and Protected Areas	140,668	23,904	33,209	197,781	164,383
Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Corporate Services[e]	133,810	19,841	32,551	186,202	176,061
Executive Director, Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative[f]	113,965	19,436	27,412	160,813	56,336

Prepared in accordance with Treasury Board Directive 03/2004.
Total salary and benefits relating to a position are disclosed.

[a] Base salary includes regular base pay.
[b] Other cash benefits include bonuses, vacation payments, overtime and lump sum payments.
[c] Other non-cash benefits include the government's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, short and long term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition fees.
[d] Automobile provided, no dollar amount included in other non-cash benefits.
[e] This position was vacant from April 1, 2005 to April 17, 2005.
[f] This position became part of Executive Committee on December 1, 2004.

Department of Community Development
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements. Related parties also include management in the Department.

The Department and its employees paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Department had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Grants	$ -	$ -	$ 99,537	$ 85,816
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 67,599	$ 66,306	$ -	$ -
Other services	-	-	5,027	4,729
	$ 67,599	$ 66,306	$ 5,027	$ 4,729
Tangible Capital Assets Transferred from (to) Others	$ -	$ -	$ 160	$ (787)
Accounts Payable	$ 25	$ 3	$ -	$ 35
Accounts Receivable	$ 166	$ 283	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 3.

Department of Community Development
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

The Department also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 8.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Recoveries				
Services Provided	$ 1,803	$ 1,426	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 21,857	$ 18,617
Parks Maintenance	-	-	1,499	2,672
Legal	-	-	388	343
Internal Audit	-	-	183	-
	$ -	$ -	$ 23,927	$ 21,632

Department of Community Development
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006										2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others					Valuation Adjustments[g]				
Program	Expenses[a]	Services Provided[b]	Accommodation Costs[c]	Parks Maintenance[d]	Legal Services[e]	Internal Audit Services[f]	Provision for Environmental Obligations	Provision for Vacation Pay	Provision for Doubtful Accounts	Total Expenses	Total Expenses Restated (Note 10)
Ministry Support Services	$ 11,332	$ -	$ 377	$ -	$ 61	$ 1	$ -	$ 8	$ -	$ 11,779	$ 10,815
Community Services	118,676	(883)	1,282	-	54	33	-	21	-	119,183	88,920
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,468	(179)	134	-	-	1	-	7	-	5,431	5,063
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	97,256	(741)	18,409	-	92	31	14,500	42	-	129,589	62,934
Parks and Protected Areas	48,348	-	1,655	1,499	181	117	1,037	55	25	52,917	45,112
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
	$ 281,090	$ (1,803)	$ 21,857	$ 1,499	$ 388	$ 183	$ 15,537	$ 133	$ 25	$ 318,909	$ 212,854

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.

[b] Financial and administrative services are provided to the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development.

[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 7, allocated by square footage.

[d] The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation provides road and bridge maintenance to Parks and Protected Areas. Costs shown for Parks Maintenance on Schedule 7, allocated to the program.

[e] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 7, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

[f] The Department of Executive Council provides Internal Audit Services. Costs shown for Internal Audit Services on Schedule 7, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

[g] Valuation Adjustments as per Statement of Operations. Environmental Obligations, employee Benefits and Doubtful Accounts provision included in Valuation Adjustments were allocated as follows:
- Environmental Obligations – allocated to the program,
- Vacation Pay – allocated to the program by employee,
- Doubtful Accounts Provision – estimated allocation to program.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget (Schedule 2)	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development			
- Operating	$ 19,034	$ 20,311	$ 19,034
- Film Development Program	13,500	13,500	13,500
Transfers from the Government of Canada	-	10	-
Investment Income	345	379	187
Other Revenue			
Miscellaneous	60	41	47
Donations of Artworks	145	67	191
	33,084	34,308	32,959
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 4)			
Arts Promotion	12,734	12,596	12,633
Arts Support	2,677	2,690	2,872
Artist Development	1,792	2,088	1,952
Arts Participation	1,817	2,934	1,492
Administration	320	271	280
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	250	228	241
	19,590	20,807	19,470
Film Development (Note 11)	13,500	13,345	13,423
	33,090	34,152	32,893
Net Operating Results	$ (6)	156	66
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,172	1,106
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 1,328	$ 1,172

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 2,246	$ 1,825
Accrued Interest	15	15
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	22	3
	2,283	1,843
Long Term Investments (Note 5)	467	467
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 6)	38	44
	$ 2,788	$ 2,354
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 993	$ 715
Equity		
Fund Balance	1,328	1,172
General Reserve (Note 8)	467	467
	1,795	1,639
	$ 2,788	$ 2,354

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 156	$ 66
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	11
	162	77
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(19)	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	278	(1,189)
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	421	(1,112)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	421	(1,112)
Cash, Beginning of Year	1,825	2,937
Cash, End of Year	$ 2,246	$ 1,825

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2006

Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act*, Chapter A-19, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purposes of the Foundation are:

- To support and contribute to the development of literary, performing, visual and media arts in Alberta;
- To provide both individuals and organizations with opportunities to participate in the arts in Alberta;
- To promote the enjoyment of works of art by Alberta artists;
- To oversee the collection, preservation and display of works of art by Alberta artists; and
- To encourage artists living in Alberta in their work.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive goods or services directly in return.

Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue when they are received.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 4.

Artworks

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Proceeds from the disposition of artworks can only be used to acquire other items to be added to the collection or for the direct care of existing artworks.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. Where there has been a loss in value of an investment that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accrued interest, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
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Note 3 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

	2006	2005
Cash	$ 2,413	$ 1,992
Less Cash Appropriated for Non-Current Use	(167)	(167)
	$ 2,246	$ 1,825

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 22	$ -	$ 22	$ 3

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
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Year ended March 31, 2006

Note 5 Long Term Investments (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005	
	Effective Annual Interest Rate	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Deposits with Life Insurance Companies, Maturing in 2008[a]	5.125%	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300
Cash Appropriated for Non-current Use		167		167	
		$ 467		$ 467	

[a] The deposits with life insurance companies can be realized prior to maturity dates only with the payment of penalties.

Note 6 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	2006				2005
	Estimated Useful Life	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Computer Equipment and Software	4 years	$ 33	$ (33)	$ -	$ -
Equipment	10 years	61	(23)	38	44
Office Furnishings	7 years	6	(6)	-	-
		$ 100	$ (62)	$ 38	$ 44

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Note 7 Artworks

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts actively collects visual artworks, which document the Province's significant visual artistic achievement. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, ceramics, glass, fibre and prints. At year end, the collection consisted of approximately 7,434 (2005 – 7,381) artworks with an approximate value of $8,672,000 (2005 – $8,329,000). During the year, the Foundation purchased 29 (2005 – 147) artworks by Alberta artists at a total cost of $276,000 (2005 – $295,150); contributions to the collection included 24 (2005 – 81) artworks with an appraised value of $66,900 (2005 – $189,940). There were two artwork dispositions during the year (2005 – Nil).

Note 8 General Reserve

The general reserve has been established by appropriation from the fund balance. The reserve was established for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability. Transfers from the reserve to the operating fund require board approval.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

Note 9 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 33,503	$ 25,643
Service Contracts	282	569
	$ 33,785	$ 26,212

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 20,992	$ 282	$ 21,274
2008	12,511	-	12,511
	$ 33,503	$ 282	$ 33,785

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Note 10 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 5	$ -	$ 5	$ 4
Other Members	26	-	26	28
	$ 31	$ -	$ 31	$ 32

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 11 Subsequent Events

Effective April 1, 2006, the Alberta Film Development Program will be transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development along with a budget of $13.5 million.

Note 12 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 31,029	$ 31,932	$ 30,671
Supplies and Services	643	900	956
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	882	882	737
Acquisition of Artworks	325	334	295
Donations of Artworks	145	67	191
Honoraria (Note 10)	60	31	32
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	6	11
	$ 33,090	$ 34,152	$ 32,893

[a] The Foundation receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2005-2006 Estimates	Treasury Board Approval[a]	2005-2006 Authorized Budget
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 32,534	$ 1,000	$ 33,534
Transfers from the Government of Canada	-	-	-
Investment Income	345	-	345
Other Revenue			
Miscellaneous	60	-	60
Donations of Artworks	145	-	145
	33,084	1,000	34,084
Expenses – Directly Incurred			
Arts Promotion	12,734	-	12,734
Arts Support	2,677	-	2,677
Artist Development	1,792	-	1,792
Arts Participation	1,817	1,000	2,817
Administration	320	-	320
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	250	-	250
	19,590	1,000	20,590
Film Development	13,500	-	13,500
	33,090	1,000	34,090
Net Operating Results	$ (6)	$ -	$ (6)
Capital Investment	$ -	$ -	$ -

[a] Treasury Board approved a transfer of $1 million from the Department of Community Development for the 2006 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. in July 2006.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

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The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Transfers from the Department of Community Development				
-Operating	$ 20,311	$ 19,034	$ -	$ -
-Film Development	13,500	13,500	-	-
	$ 33,811	$ 32,534	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 122	$ 125	$ -	$ -
Other Services	-	-	33	48
	$ 122	$ 125	$ 33	$ 48
Accounts Receivable	$ 21	$ 2	$ -	$ -
Accounts Payable	$ 3	$ 27	$ -	$ 8

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 4.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Other Services	$ 478	$ 475	$ -	$ -
Accommodation	-	-	193	192
Internal Audit	-	-	15	-
Legal	-	-	7	2
	$ 478	$ 475	$ 215	$ 194

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Program	2006 Expenses [a]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Other Services [b]	Accommodation Costs [c]	Internal Audit Services [d]	Legal Services [e]	2006 Total Expenses	2005 Total Expenses
Arts Promotion	$ 12,596	$ 145	$ 7	$ 3	$ -	$ 12,751	$ 12,762
Arts Support	2,690	66	4	3	-	2,763	2,954
Artist Development	2,088	176	8	3	-	2,275	2,113
Arts Participation	2,934	42	3	3	-	2,982	1,548
Administration	271	20	4	-	-	295	318
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	228	11	166	-	2	407	428
Film Development	13,345	18	1	3	5	13,372	13,439
	$ 34,152	$ 478	$ 193	$ 15	$ 7	$ 34,845	$ 33,562

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.

[b] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 3, allocated by square footage.

[d] The Department of Executive Council provides Internal Audit Services. Costs shown for Internal Audit Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

[e] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Directors of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006				2005
		Actual			Actual
	Budget	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Total
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers					
Transfer from Department of Community Development	$ 7,087	$ 7,087	$ -	$ 7,087	$ 6,946
Investment Income	180	159	1	160	122
Other Revenue	6	-	-	-	16
	7,273	7,246	1	7,247	7,084
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)					
Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations					
Alberta Museums Association	1,400	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Archives Society of Alberta	160	160	-	160	160
Other	136	151	-	151	136
	1,696	1,711	-	1,711	1,696
Glenbow Museum	2,879	2,879	-	2,879	2,738
Heritage Preservation Projects	1,361	1,236	-	1,236	1,002
Main Street Program	731	572	-	572	395
Heritage Awareness Projects	418	587	-	587	451
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Projects	5	-	3	3	1
Administration	183	183	-	183	177
	7,273	7,168	3	7,171	6,460
Net Operating Results	$ -	78	(2)	76	624
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		4,083	21	4,104	3,480
Fund Balances at End of Year		$ 4,161	$ 19	$ 4,180	$ 4,104

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
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(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 3,952	$ 3,884
Inventory	5	5
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	286	258
	4,243	4,147
Cash Appropriated for Non-current Uses (Notes 3 and 7)	50	50
	$ 4,293	$ 4,197
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 63	$ 43
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted Operating Fund	4,161	4,083
Restricted Funds (Note 6)	19	21
	4,180	4,104
Reserve (Note 7)	50	50
	4,230	4,154
	$ 4,293	$ 4,197

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 76	$ 624
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	41	37
	117	661
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	20	(467)
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	137	194
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(69)	(2)
Cash applied to Capital Transactions	(69)	(2)
Increase in Cash	68	192
Cash, Beginning of Year	3,884	3,692
Cash, End of Year	$ 3,952	$ 3,884

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Historical Resources Act*, Chapter H-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of Alberta's heritage primarily through the encouragement and sponsorship of community heritage initiatives.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Fund Accounting

Transactions are grouped, for reporting purposes, into funds in accordance with specified activities or objectives. These funds are described as follows:

- The operating fund accounts for the revenues and expenses associated with the primary activities of the Foundation.
- Restricted funds account for contributions received with imposed conditions on how the funds are to be used, interest earned and the expenses associated with the specified activities.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenue

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations as well as inventories held for resale.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets (continued)

Collections of historical assets held by the Foundation are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of the fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of cash and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Cash in the amount of $19 has been restricted for the Roger Soderstrom Fellowship fund and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses of the Foundation (Note 6).

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Note 4 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

		2006			2005
	Estimated Useful Life	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Equipment	7 years	$ 3	$ (3)	$ -	$ -
Other	10 years	450	(164)	286	258
		$ 453	$ (167)	$ 286	$ 258

Note 5 Collections

The Foundation has a collection of historical assets which is comprised of paintings, sketches, photographs and antique furnishings. At year end, the collection consisted of 379 (2005 – 380) artworks with an estimated value of $16,150 (2005 – $16,250), and 30 (2005 – 30) antique furnishings estimated at $12,700 (2005 – $12,700). During the year, the Foundation did not acquire any historical assets (2005 – Nil) and there was 1 (2005 – 21) disposition.

Note 6 Restricted Funds (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Fund[a]	$ 19	$ 21

[a] The Roger Soderstrom Fellowship fund is a scholarship designed to encourage professional development and advanced studies in the field of heritage conservation in Alberta.

Note 7 Reserve

The reserve has been established from the operating fund for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability. Transfers from the reserve to the operating fund require board approval.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

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Note 8 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 7	$ -	$ 7	$ 3
Other Members (7)	17	-	17	17
	$ 24	$ -	$ 24	$ 20

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 9 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 2,766	$ 2,933
Service Contracts [a]	3	1
Long-term Leases	11	2
	$ 2,780	$ 2,936

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Long-term Leases	Total
2007	$ 2,736	$ 3	$ 6	$ 2,745
2008	30	-	4	34
2009	-	-	1	1
	$ 2,766	$ 3	$ 11	$ 2,780

[a] Service contracts do not include the costs for maintenance of collections with Glenbow Museum because the agreement with Glenbow was not in place at March 31, 2006. Subsequent to year end, a contract for $10,137 for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2009 was signed.

Note 10 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Expenses Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 3,732	$ 3,667	$ 3,149
Supplies and Services	3,087	3,009	2,887
Supplies and Services from Support Services Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	430	430	367
Honoraria (Note 8)	24	24	20
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	-	41	37
	$ 7,273	$ 7,171	$ 6,460

[a] The Foundation receives financial and program related administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Related Party Transactions
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(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenue				
Transfer from Department of Community Development	$ 7,087	$ 6,946	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 40	$ 25	$ -	$ -
Other services	-	-	7	8
	$ 40	$ 25	$ 7	$ 8
Accounts Payable	$ 1	$ 3	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Other Services	$ 354	$ 240	$ -	$ -
Accommodation	-	-	16	18
	$ 354	$ 240	$ 16	$ 18

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006				2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others			
Program	Expenses[a]	Other Services[b]	Accommodation Costs[c]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations	$ 1,711	$ -	$ -	$ 1,711	$ 1,696
Glenbow Museum	2,879	-	-	2,879	2,738
Heritage Preservation Projects	1,236	-	-	1,236	1,002
Main Street Program	572	5	5	582	405
Heritage Awareness Projects	587	-	-	587	451
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Projects	3	-	-	3	1
Administration	183	349	11	543	425
	$ 7,171	$ 354	$ 16	$ 7,541	$ 6,718

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Operations
For the year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006					2005
	Budget	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Actual	Total Actual
Revenues						
Internal Government Transfers	$ 17,795	$ 17,792	$ -	$ -	$ 17,792	$ 17,795
Transfers from Government of Canada	500	378	-	-	378	325
Investment Income	315	185	63	-	248	135
Premiums, Fees and Licences	125	157	-	-	157	92
Other Revenue						
Donations	797	467	182	-	649	708
Percy Page Centre Sales (Note 9)	505	386	-	-	386	388
Refunds of Expenses	20	19	-	-	19	10
Parks and Wildlife Ventures Sales	-	-	6	-	6	1
Miscellaneous Revenue	70	57	-	-	57	48
	20,127	19,441	251	-	19,692	19,502
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)						
Provincial Programs	12,760	12,446	90	-	12,536	11,984
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	2,392	2,293	83	-	2,376	2,790
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,445	1,498	-	-	1,498	1,494
Active Lifestyles	1,500	1,498	-	-	1,498	1,501
Provincial and Regional Development	667	665	-	-	665	634
Percy Page Centre (Note 9)	471	387	-	-	387	402
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	419	239	55	-	294	282
Other Initiatives	130	74	17	-	91	85
Administration	349	336	6	-	342	326
	20,133	19,436	251	-	19,687	19,498
Net Operating Results	$ (6)	5	-	-	5	4
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		158	4,041	414	4,613	4,609
Fund Balances at End of Year		$ 163	$ 4,041	$ 414	$ 4,618	$ 4,613

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
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	2006	2005 Restated (Note 12)
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 2,519	$ 2,777
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	126	285
Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	70	53
	2,715	3,115
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	2,315	2,322
	$ 5,030	$ 5,437
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 412	$ 805
Unearned Revenue	-	19
	412	824
Fund Balances		
Operating	163	158
Endowment (Note 7)	414	414
Restricted (Note 8)	4,041	4,041
	4,618	4,613
	$ 5,030	$ 5,437

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
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	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 5	$ 4
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	6
	11	10
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	159	(52)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	(16)	2
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(393)	87
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(19)	19
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	(258)	66
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(258)	66
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,777	2,711
Cash, End of Year	$ 2,519	$ 2,777

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act*, Chapter A-34, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is to support enhancement of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs for all Albertans.

The Foundation is a Crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Fund Accounting

Transactions are grouped, for accounting and reporting purposes, into funds in accordance with specified activities or objectives. These funds are described as follows:

- The operating fund accounts for revenues and expenses associated with the primary activities of the Foundation;
- The restricted fund accounts for non-government contributions received for which donors have specified the purpose, restricted interest earned, related expenses incurred, and funds restricted by the Board of Directors; and

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

- The endowment fund accounts for contributions received under various agreements with sponsors and matching funds provided by the Foundation. Interest earned on the existing endowment funds can only be used to fund various sport programs, and are therefore recorded as part of the restricted fund. The principal must remain intact.

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations and individuals as well as inventories held for resale.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other assets is $5,000. All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

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Note 3 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositor's capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of the CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Cash in the amount of $1,879 has been externally restricted and $325 has been internally restricted and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses of the Foundation. (Note 7 and 8)

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 104	$ -	$ 104	$ 157
Other	14	-	14	3
Refunds of Expenses	8	-	8	125
	$ 126	$ -	$ 126	$ 285

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2006 Cost	2006 Accumulated Amortization	2006 Net Book Value	2005 Net Book Value Restated (Note 12)
Land, Unrestricted	N/A	$ 64	$ -	$ 64	$ 64
Land, Use Restricted by Donors[a]	N/A	2,050	-	2,050	2,050
Buildings, Use Restricted by Donors[a]	40 years	255	(54)	201	208
		$ 2,369	$ (54)	$ 2,315	$ 2,322

[a] Restricted for use in the Parks and Wildlife Ventures program.

Note 6 Artworks

The Foundation has a collection of artworks consisting of 19 (2005 – 20) prints of the Waterfowl of North America Collection #1250 with an approximate value of $5,333 (2005 – $5,652). During the year, there was 1 (2005 – 2) disposition.

Note 7 Endowment Fund (thousands of dollars)

The endowment fund balance comprises:

	2006	2005
Externally Restricted Contributions	$ 216	$ 216
Internally Restricted Matching Funds	198	198
	$ 414	$ 414

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Note 8 Restricted Fund (thousands of dollars)

The restricted fund balance comprises:

	2006	2005 Restated (Note 12)
Investment in Land and Buildings[a]	$ 2,251	$ 2,258
Externally Restricted Funds	1,663	1,663
Internally Restricted Funds	127	120
	$ 4,041	$ 4,041

[a] The land and buildings are governed by restrictions that require the Foundation to use these assets for its programs.

Note 9 Percy Page Centre

The Foundation operates the Percy Page Centre, Edmonton, to provide accommodation and office services to non-profit organizations. These organizations are charged for their use of office equipment, supplies and print shop facilities.

Note 10 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 1	$ -	$ 1	$ 1
Other Members (10)	46	-	46	18
	$ 47	$ -	$ 47	$ 19

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administer the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Board Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 11 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 1,044	$ 814
Long-term Leases	468	318
Service Contracts	161	294
	$ 1,673	$ 1,426

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 554	$ 101	$ 98	$ 753
2008	440	85	63	588
2009	50	80	-	130
2010	-	70	-	70
2011	-	66	-	66
Thereafter	-	66	-	66
	$ 1,044	$ 468	$ 161	$ 1,673

Note 12 Comparative Figures

Certain 2005 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2006 presentation.

Note 13 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
For the year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 15,941	$ 15,103	$ 15,782
Supplies and Services	2,365	2,720	1,929
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	1,810	1,810	1,762
Honoraria (Note 10)	11	47	19
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	6	6
Other	-	1	-
	$ 20,133	$ 19,687	$ 19,498

[a] The Foundation receives administrative services for various recreational, park, and wildlife facilities as well as other general financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Related Party Transactions
For the year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on the modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Internal Government Transfers				
Department of Community Development	$ 17,670	$ 17,670	$ -	$ -
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	122	125	-	-
	$ 17,792	$ 17,795	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 77	$ 97
Accounts Receivable	$ 4	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ 35	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 699	$ 717
Other Services	359	200	-	-
Legal	-	-	5	2
	$ 359	$ 200	$ 704	$ 719

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Allocated Costs
For the year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006					2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Program	Expenses [a]	Accommodation Costs [b]	Other Services [c]	Legal [d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Provincial Programs	$ 12,536	$ 7	$ 115	$ -	$ 12,658	$ 12,054
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	2,376	69	129	-	2,574	2,929
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,498	1	18	-	1,517	1,505
Active Lifestyles	1,498	1	14	-	1,513	1,510
Provincial and Regional Development	665	-	4	-	669	636
Percy Page Centre (Note 9)	387	617	14	-	1,018	1,048
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	294	1	22	5	322	297
Other Initiatives	91	-	4	-	95	87
Administration	342	3	39	-	384	351
	$ 19,687	$ 699	$ 359	$ 5	$ 20,750	$ 20,417

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Directors of The Government House Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Government House Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

The Government House Foundation
Statement of Operations
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	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	$ 25,000	$ 40,000	$ 25,000
Investment Income	4,000	3,324	3,009
Other Revenue	-	9,344	-
	29,000	52,668	28,009
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Administration	11,000	28,696	12,774
Public Relations	1,000	27,084	10,334
Conservation of Collections	3,000	1,246	4,301
Collection Acquisitions	35,000	30,075	-
	50,000	87,101	27,409
Net Operating Results	$ (21,000)	(34,433)	600
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		106,130	105,530
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 71,697	$ 106,130

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 73,813	$ 117,866
Accounts Receivable	296	108
	$ 74,109	$ 117,974
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 2,412	$ 11,844
Equity		
Fund Balance	71,697	106,130
	$ 74,109	$ 117,974

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (34,433)	$ 600
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(188)	(23)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(9,432)	8,677
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	(44,053)	9,254
Cash, Beginning of Year	117,866	108,612
Cash, End of Year	$ 73,813	$ 117,866

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Government House Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Government House Act*, Chapter G-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is:

- To advise the Minister on the preservation of Government House as a historic site and building;
- To inform and stimulate the interest of the public in the historical and architectural development of Government House; and
- To solicit and receive, by gift, bequest, device, transfer or otherwise any personal property for use or display in Government House.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Government House Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Artworks and Collections

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Proceeds from the disposition of artworks can only be used to acquire other items to be added to the collection or for the direct care of existing artworks.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to receivables from other organizations.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. The CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of the CCITF earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Artworks and Collections

The Government House Foundation actively collects various significant items pertaining to the history of Government House. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, furnishings, books and silverware. The majority of the collection is used or displayed in Government House, while some items are on loan to other provincial institutions.

At March 31, 2006, the collection consisted of approximately 388 (2005 – 379) pieces of artworks and other items, with an approximate value of $978,417 (2005 – $948,342). During the year, the Foundation purchased 5 artworks at a total cost of $22,900 (2005 – Nil). Contributions to the collections included 4 artworks and other items with an appraised value of $7,715 (2005 – Nil), and there were no dispositions during the year (2005 – Nil).

Note 5 Contractual Obligations

At March 31, 2006, the Foundation had commitments in the amount of approximately $7,800 (2005 – $4,700) relating to service contracts.

Note 6 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

The Government House Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Supplies and Services			
Contract Services	$ 8,500	$ 30,057	$ 17,455
General Office	2,000	12,015	6,805
Hosting	2,000	3,230	2,647
Materials and Supplies	37,500	41,799	502
	$ 50,000	$ 87,101	$ 27,409

The Government House Foundation
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Transfers from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	$ 40,000	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other Services	$ -	$ -	$ 1,619	$ 2,014

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Other Services	$ 8,120	$ 7,395	$ -	$ -
Accommodation	-	-	753	725
	$ 8,120	$ 7,395	$ 753	$ 725

The Government House Foundation
Allocated Costs
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Program	2006				2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others			
	Expenses [a]	Other Services [b]	Accommodation Costs [c]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Administration	$ 28,696	$ 2,675	$ 248	$ 31,619	$ 16,559
Public Relations	27,084	2,525	234	29,843	13,395
Conservation of Collections	1,246	116	11	1,373	5,575
Collection Acquisitions	30,075	2,804	260	33,139	-
	$ 87,101	$ 8,120	$ 753	$ 95,974	$ 35,529

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of Historic Resources Fund (the Fund) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues (Schedule 1)			
Interpretive Programs and Services	$ 3,549	$ 3,514	$ 3,387
Promotion and Presentation	2,907	2,633	2,439
Jubilee Auditoria (Note 7)	3,276	4,533	-
Donations	258	308	174
Other Initiatives	374	1,750	388
Provincial Archives	102	177	151
Investment Income	144	103	58
	10,610	13,018	6,597
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Schedules 2 and 4)			
Interpretive Programs and Services	3,704	2,930	3,686
Promotion and Presentation	3,467	3,550	2,685
Jubilee Auditoria (Note 7)	3,276	2,900	-
Other Initiatives	377	638	396
Provincial Archives	102	151	147
	10,926	10,169	6,914
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	13	(4)
		10,182	6,910
Net Operating Results	$ (316)	2,836	(313)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		4,932	5,245
Fund Balance at End of Year		$ 7,768	$ 4,932

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 4,795	$ 2,332
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	722	88
Inventory	270	257
Prepaid Expenses	-	17
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	3,659	3,636
	$ 9,446	$ 6,330
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 964	$ 717
Deferred Contributions (Note 6)	410	616
Unearned Revenue	304	65
	1,678	1,398
Fund Balance (Notes 7 and 8)	7,768	4,932
	$ 9,446	$ 6,330

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 2,836	$ (313)
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	490	453
Valuation Adjustments	13	(4)
	3,339	136
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable before Valuation Adjustments	(647)	19
Increase in Inventory	(13)	(12)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	17	(13)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	247	(139)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Contributions	(206)	144
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	239	(3)
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	2,976	132
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(513)	(190)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	2,463	(58)
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,332	2,390
Cash, End of Year	$ 4,795	$ 2,332

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Historic Resources Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of the *Historical Resources Act*, Chapter H-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended.

The purpose of the Fund is to protect, enhance, promote and display Alberta's historic resources by funding programs designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by providing operational grants to non-profit organizations, and by promoting the use and development of related facilities.

The Fund is a regulated fund of the Province of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Historic Resources Fund, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry), and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year-end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Grants and donations, that are restricted to a specific use, are recorded as deferred contributions and transferred to revenues in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Fund has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Fund's operations are disclosed in Schedule 4.

Assets

Financial assets of the Fund include advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees, and other individuals, as well as inventories held for resale. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value.

Tangible capital assets of the Fund are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of the fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Valuation of financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Fund's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 707	$ (21)	$ 686	$ 82
Refunds from Suppliers	36	-	36	6
	$ 743	$ (21)	$ 722	$ 88

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2006 Cost	2006 Accumulated Amortization	2006 Net Book Value	2005 Net Book Value
Equipment	3-10 years	$ 4,727	$ (1,334)	$ 3,393	$ 3,542
Computer Hardware and Software	5 years	351	(85)	266	94
		$ 5,078	$ (1,419)	$ 3,659	$ 3,636

Note 6 Deferred Contributions (thousands of dollars)

Deferred contributions represent restricted contributions received relating to expenses of future years.

Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	2006	2005
Restricted Contributions Received During the Year:		
Promotion and Presentation	$ 380	$ 217
Other Initiatives	83	153
Provincial Archives	4	-
	467	370
Less: Amounts Recognized as Revenue in the Year	(673)	(226)
Increase (Decrease) During the Year	(206)	144
Balance at Beginning of Year	616	472
Balance at End of Year	$ 410	$ 616
Balance at End of Year is Comprised of:		
Promotion and Presentation	$ 316	$ 512
Other Initiatives	90	104
Provincial Archives	4	-
	$ 410	$ 616

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Note 7 Jubilee Auditoria Operations

Commencing in the current year, the Historic Resources Fund is recording the revenues, expenses and surpluses of the operations at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

Note 8 Fund Balance

	2006	2005
Glenbow-Alberta Institute Deaccessioning Fund [a]	$ 1,138	$ 20
Jubilee Auditoria Fund [b]	1,586	-
Operating Fund	5,044	4,912
	$ 7,768	$ 4,932

[a] The purpose of the fund is to acquire new provincial historical artifacts from the proceeds of the disposition of deaccessioned provincial collections displayed by the Glenbow-Alberta Institute.

[b] Accumulated surpluses arising from the operation of the Jubilee Auditoria may only be used for the payment of expenses relating to the Jubilee Auditoria.

Note 9 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Service Contracts	$ 6,770	$ 724

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Service Contracts
2007	$ 5,914
2008	256
2009	200
2010	200
2011	200
	$ 6,770

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Note 10 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Community Development.

Schedule 1

Historic Resources Fund
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Transfers from Government of Canada	$ 108	$ 44	$ 38
Investment Income	144	103	58
Premiums, Fees and Licences	3,777	3,799	3,596
Other Revenue			
Recoveries	3,047	2,408	2,418
Donations	258	308	174
Rental Revenue	3,276	3,188	5
Other Grants and Contributions	-	510	185
Refunds of Expenses	-	255	57
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	-	2,403	66
	$ 10,610	$ 13,018	$ 6,597

Schedule 2

Historic Resources Fund
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Supplies and Services			
Materials and Supplies	$ 1,916	$ 1,939	$ 1,355
Contract Services	7,543	6,954	3,922
General Office	645	489	481
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	249	228	629
Travel	56	61	66
Hosting	21	8	8
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	496	490	453
	$ 10,926	$ 10,169	$ 6,914
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	$ -	$ 13	$ (4)

[a] The Fund receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Historic Resources Fund
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Fund paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Fund had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 61	$ 122
Accounts Payable	$ 111	$ 160	$ -	$ -
Accounts Receivable	$ -	$ 2	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 2.

The Fund also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 4.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Other Services	$ 379	$ 309	$ -	$ -
Accommodation	-	-	85	41
	$ 379	$ 309	$ 85	$ 41

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	2006					2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others		Valuation Adjustments		
Program	Expenses[a]	Other Services[b]	Accommodation Costs[c]	Doubtful Accounts[d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Interpretive Programs and Services	$ 2,930	$ 109	$ 25	$ -	$ 3,064	$ 3,875
Promotion and Presentation	3,550	132	30	-	3,712	2,815
Jubilee Auditoria	2,900	108	24	13	3,045	-
Other Initiatives	638	24	5	-	667	416
Provincial Archives	151	6	-	-	158	154
	$ 10,169	$ 379	$ 85	$ 13	$ 10,646	$ 7,260

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 3, allocated by square footage.
[d] Doubtful Accounts Provision were estimated and allocated to program.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund (the Fund) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 8)
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ 1,265
Transfers from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	70	45	50
Investment Income	150	107	87
Other Revenue			
Refunds of Expenses	10	-	40
Other	15	23	24
	1,510	1,440	1,466
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Support to Community Groups	1,026	875	1,014
Education Programs	180	273	187
Queen's Golden Jubilee and Medals	70	45	50
Administration	234	244	218
	1,510	1,437	1,469
Net Operating Results	$ -	3	(3)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,610	1,613
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 1,613	$ 1,610

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Financial Position
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(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 1,724	$ 1,757
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	8	5
	1,732	1,762
Cash Appropriated for Non-Current Use (Notes 3 and 5)	1,450	1,450
	$ 3,182	$ 3,212
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 119	$ 152
Equity		
Fund Balance	1,613	1,610
General Reserve (Note 5)	1,450	1,450
	3,063	3,060
	$ 3,182	$ 3,212

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
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	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 3	$ (3)
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(3)	(1)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(33)	86
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	(33)	82
Cash, Beginning of Year	1,757	1,675
Cash, End of Year	$ 1,724	$ 1,757

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of the *Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*, Chapter H-14, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Fund is to promote equality, increase understanding and acceptance of Alberta's diverse racial and cultural composition, and inform Albertans about their rights and responsibilities under the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act.

The Fund is owned by the Crown in right of Alberta and is not subject to taxation.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Cash donations are reported when received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

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Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Fund has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Fund's operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Fund are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The

Note 3 Cash (continued)

portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Fund's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 8	$ -	$ 8	$ 5
	$ 8	$ -	$ 8	$ 5

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Note 5 General Reserve

The general reserve has been established by appropriation from the fund balance. The purpose of the reserve is to maintain a source for ongoing funding capability. The reserve is not available for operations without authorization of the Treasury Board.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

Note 6 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 167	$ 68
Service Contracts	37	87
	$ 204	$ 155

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Note 6 Contractual Obligations (continued)

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 167	$ 37	$ 204
	$ 167	$ 37	$ 204

Note 7 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Advisory Committee				
Chair[c]	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Vice-Chair[a][d]	-	-	-	-
Other Members[e]	5	-	5	1
	$ 5	$ -	$ 5	$ 1

[a] The Fund has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Fund. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to the Advisory Committee members.

[c] The Chair of the Advisory Committee is a Member of the Legislative Assembly and is not compensated by the Fund. The Chair received $18 (2005 - $12) from the Department of Community Development for his duties as Chair of the Advisory Committee.

[d] The Vice-chair of the Advisory Committee is the Chief Commissioner of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and is not compensated by the Fund. The Vice-chair's salary and benefits are reported in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[e] Members appointed to the Advisory Committee are paid honoraria for attending meetings and performing other Fund duties at rates set by Ministerial Order.

Note 8 Comparative Figures

Certain 2005 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2006 presentation.

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Note 9 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Community Development.

Schedule 1

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 976	$ 895	$ 1,017
Supplies and Services	334	337	261
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	200	200	190
Honoraria (Note 7)	-	5	1
	$ 1,510	$ 1,437	$ 1,469

[a] The Fund receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Fund paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Fund had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ -	$ -
Transfers from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	-	-	45	50
	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ 45	$ 50
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other Services	$ -	$ -	$ 5	$ 9
Accounts Receivable	$ 1	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accounts Payable	$ 20	$ 13	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Fund also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Other Services	$ 179	$ 153	$ -	$ -
Accommodation	-	-	24	18
Legal	-	-	-	1
	$ 179	$ 153	$ 24	$ 19

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
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Program	2006				2005
	Expenses – Incurred by Others				
	Expenses[a]	Other Services[b]	Accommodation Costs[c]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses Restated (Note 8)
Support to Community Groups	$ 875	$ 14	$ 9	$ 898	$ 1,033
Education Programs	273	119	11	403	301
Queen's Golden Jubilee Awards and Medals	45	3	1	49	50
Administration	244	43	3	290	257
	$ 1,437	$ 179	$ 24	$ 1,640	$ 1,641

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations
[b] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.

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AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Auditor's Report

To the Members of The Wild Rose Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Wild Rose Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2006

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from Department of Community Development	$ 7,766	$ 7,766	$ 7,891
Investment Income	420	355	268
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	156	128	135
Other Revenue			
Donations			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	53	54	43
Refunds of Expenses			
- Other Initiatives	100	30	3
Miscellaneous Revenue			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	7	4	2
- Other Initiatives	-	5	
	8,502	8,342	8,342
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Support to Alberta Non-Profit Organizations	4,492	4,953	4,851
International Development Program	1,885	1,046	1,929
Voluntary Sector Development	998	1,065	425
Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	637	716	585
Other Initiatives	257	273	221
Administration	233	247	234
	8,502	8,300	8,245
Net Operating Results	$ -	42	97
Operating Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		2,194	2,097
Operating Fund Balance at End of Year		$ 2,236	$ 2,194

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 4,489	$ 3,526
Accounts Receivable	1	3
Prepaid Expenses	37	62
	4,527	3,591
Investment (Note 3)	6,500	6,500
	$ 11,027	$ 10,091
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 2,291	$ 1,396
Unearned Revenue	-	1
	2,291	1,397
Equity		
Endowment Fund – Internally Restricted (Note 4)	6,500	6,500
Operating Fund	2,236	2,194
	8,736	8,694
	$ 11,027	$ 10,091

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 42	$ 97
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	-	1
	42	98
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	2	(1)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	25	(12)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	895	(273)
Decrease in Unearned Revenue	(1)	(1)
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	963	(189)
Cash, Beginning of Year	3,526	3,715
Cash, End of Year	$ 4,489	$ 3,526

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Wild Rose Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Wild Rose Foundation Act*, Chapter W-8, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purposes of the Foundation are:

- To provide funding to volunteer, non-profit organizations that provide valuable services to Albertans;
- To foster or promote the use of volunteers, or to assist those who volunteer or use the services of volunteers in Alberta; and
- To foster or promote charitable, philanthropic, humanitarian, or public spirited acts or to assist those who perform them.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Wild Rose Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenue

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenue (continued)

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Liabilities

Liabilities are recorded to the extent that they represent present obligations as a result of events and transactions occurring prior to the end of the fiscal year. The settlement of liabilities will result in sacrifice of economic benefits in the future.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Cash and Investment

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Investment also consists of deposits in the CCITF. It represents deposits equivalent to the endowment fund balance. These deposits are internally restricted.

Note 4 Endowment Fund – Internally Restricted (thousands of dollars)

In 1985, the members of the Foundation directed that the initial contribution from lottery funds amounting to $4,500 be placed in an endowment fund so that the funds are not available for use in its operations. In 1993, a further $2,000 was transferred from the operating fund balance to the endowment fund. The purpose of the fund is to earn income and to retain an ongoing funding capability.

Interest earned on the endowment fund is reported as operating revenue.

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Note 5 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2006			2005
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 16	$ -	$ 16	$ 16
Other Members (6)	23	-	23	27
	$ 39	$ -	$ 39	$ 43

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administer the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out of town meetings, and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 6 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2006	2005
Grant Agreements	$ 1,234	$ 372
Service Contracts	343	197
	$ 1,577	$ 569

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2007	$ 600	$ 140	$ 740
2008	509	107	616
2009	125	96	221
	$ 1,234	$ 343	$ 1,577

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Note 7 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

The Wild Rose Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006		2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 6,621	$ 6,301	$ 6,512
Supplies and Services	1,032	1,146	954
Supplies and Services from Support Services Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	814	814	735
Honoraria (Note 5)	35	39	43
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	-	-	1
	$ 8,502	$ 8,300	$ 8,245

[a] The Foundation receives financial and program related administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues				
Transfers from Department of Community Development	$ 7,766	$ 7,891	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 29	$ 38
Accounts Payable	$ 33	$ 45	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements but are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 54	$ 50
Other Services	46	42	-	-
Legal	-	-	3	-
	$ 46	$ 42	$ 57	$ 50

The Wild Rose Foundation
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2006
(thousands of dollars)

	2006					2005
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Program	Expenses [a]	Accommodation Costs[b]	Other Services[c]	Legal Services[d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Support to Alberta Non-Profit Organizations	$ 4,953	$ 14	$ 11	$ -	$ 4,978	$ 4,874
International Development Program	1,046	14	11	3	1,074	1,952
Voluntary Sector Development	1,065	8	7	-	1,080	439
Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	716	8	7	-	731	599
Other Initiatives	273	5	5	-	283	230
Administration	247	5	5	-	257	243
	$ 8,300	$ 54	$ 46	$ 3	$ 8,403	$ 8,337

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

Other Information

Ministry of Community Development
Statements of Write-Offs for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

The Following Information is Unaudited:

The following statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 23 of the *Financial Administration Act*. This statement includes all write-offs made or approved during the fiscal period.

Write-offs	
Accounts Receivable	$ 9,483
Total Write-offs	$ 9,483

Acts Administered by Community Development

Community Development is responsible for a wide array of acts that have a direct impact on quality of life in Alberta. Below is a list of all acts administered by Community Development. If you would like to review these acts in more detail, they are included on the Ministry's website (http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/legislation/index.asp). You can also contact the Ministry by phone (780-427-6530) or e-mail (comdev.communications@gov.ab.ca).

Name of Act	Description
Alberta Centennial Medal Act	Establishes the Centennial Medal and the process to award medals to outstanding Albertans who have made significant contributions to society
Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act	Establishes the Foundation with its mandate to promote arts development
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act	Establishes the Foundation with its mandate to develop and maintain sport, parks and recreation programs, facilities and services
Amusements Act	Provides for licenses for screening motion pictures, classification of films and prohibits access of minors to adult videos
Emblems of Alberta Act	Establishes provincial emblems and governs the reproduction and use of the emblems
First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act	Provides the mechanism for the repatriation of First Nations sacred objects
Foreign Cultural Property Immunity Act	Provides for immunity from seizure of foreign cultural property in Alberta
Glenbow-Alberta Institute Act	Enables the Glenbow Alberta institute to hold and administer grants, and to foster historical, cultural and scientific activities in Alberta
Government House Act	Establishes the Foundation and sets out its mandate to preserve and promote Government House
Historical Resources Act	Provides for the use and protection of historic resources; establishes the Historic Resources Fund and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act	Establishes Yom ha-Shoah – Holocaust Memorial Day

Name of Act	Description
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act	Provides for Heritage Day and establishes the Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund; prohibits discrimination on specific grounds
Libraries Act	Provides for library boards and library system boards to provide services to the public
Provincial Parks Act	Provides for the establishment, protection and management of provincial parks and provincial recreation areas
Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act	Establishes special awards and scholarships that honour Alberta youth in recognition of the Queen's Golden Jubilee
Recreation Development Act	Provides for promoting and encouraging the orderly development of recreational activities and facilities
Wild Rose Foundation Act	Establishes the Foundation and sets out its mandate of providing grants for volunteer non-profit organizations and to promote charitable and humanitarian activities
Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act	Provides for the establishment, protection and management of wilderness areas, ecological reserves, natural areas and heritage rangelands
Willmore Wilderness Park Act	Establishes and protects the Willmore Wilderness Park

Performance Measures: Results at a Glance

Performance Measure	2004-05 Results	2005-06 Results	Target
Goal 1 – Work in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.			
M 1.a Level of community volunteerism by adult Albertans	66.5%	68.9%	70%
M 1.b Participation in sport and recreational activities by adult Albertans	83.4%	82.4%	84%
M 1.c Usage of public library services by adult Albertans	50.2%	51.7%	53%
M 1.d Participation in arts and cultural activities by adult Albertans	87.2%	88.8%	89%
M 1.e Customer satisfaction with community development services	98.4%	97.7%	99%
M 1.f Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program:			
(i) Number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans	3,505	3,852	3, 000
(ii) Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta ($ millions)	$67.4	$68.2	$63
Goal 2 – Increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity; foster equality and help prevent discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province.			
M 2.a Adult Albertans' perception of how well human rights are protected in Alberta	87.6%	86.7%	86%
Goal 3 – Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.			
M 3.a Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres	97.7%	98.5%	99%
M 3.b Knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres	90.6%	91.1%	90%
M 3.c Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions):			
(i) Value-added impact*	$55.8	n/a	$53
(ii) Taxation revenue returned to three levels of government*	$22.5	n/a	$21
Goal 4 – Maintain and enhance Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.			
M 4.a Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial parks and recreation areas	90.9%	91.1%	91%

*Results lag one year behind the reporting year due to the complexity of data collection.

Performance Measures: Data Sources and Methodology

Work in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.

Community Development Survey of Albertans

(Measures: 1.a, 1.b, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a)

Research Innovations Inc. conducted this annual province-wide telephone survey of 1,000 adult Albertans. The survey used a random sample stratified by age group, gender and geographic location, to be representative of Alberta's population. All interviews were conducted in February 2006 by trained and experienced interviewers. Question order was randomly rotated to minimize potential question order bias. Interviews were monitored while in progress, and 10 per cent of each interviewer's work was directly monitored. The response rate was 56 per cent. Data were analyzed with STATXP software, and the margin of error is +/- 3.2 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Customer Satisfaction Information System

(Measure: 1.e)

In 2005-06, the Ministry implemented a new Customer Satisfaction Information System to replace the former Client Service Reporting System. The System is used to capture the data that is gathered and to determine customer satisfaction with community development services. It is a project-based system that includes data from projects delivered through the Ministry's regional offices to communities across the province. Clients include community leaders, members of community organizations and government representatives. Clients receiving services in excess of three hours of project time are surveyed. Evaluation forms are distributed at the close of service delivery in either hard copy or through electronic transmission (i.e., fax or e-mail). The completed questionnaires are returned in an envelope that has been sealed by a volunteer from the client group or are returned electronically to the regional office. Regional coordinators verify that the data in the system accurately reflects the information from the client satisfaction summary. Overall satisfaction is based on the top two combined response categories of a six point rating scale with the response categories: "very satisfied," "satisfied," "slightly satisfied," "slightly dissatisfied," "dissatisfied" and "very dissatisfied." Over 2,300 responses were collected from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. The survey response rate was 87.8 per cent.

Film Production Statistics

(Measures: 1.f (i) and (ii))

Film production companies approved for funding under the Alberta Film Development Program submit a film production report to the Ministry for each production satisfactorily completed. The film production report is reviewed and verified by the Ministry in accordance with the grant guidelines. Source data from the film production report is entered into an internal database, and then reports are generated with the count of the film production employment opportunities for Albertans and the dollar value of film production by Albertans in Alberta. Data for a production are included in the fiscal year that the grant was paid or accrued. Reporting may occur in a different fiscal year than

the year in which the bulk of production work takes place due to project completion times crossing the reporting year and influencing results for the following year. The production report includes a video copy of the finished production; appropriate financial statements (audit or review engagement) with clear schedules outlining Alberta expenses; a list of all personnel engaged in the project, including job titles and residency; and a confirmation that the applicant and the production meet all eligibility requirements for the program. Productions with budgets over $500,000 require audited financial statements with an audited Alberta cost schedule outlining expenses incurred in Alberta. Productions with budgets less than $500,000 require a Review Engagement Report.

Increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity; foster equality and help prevent discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province.

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Heritage Facilities Visitor Survey - Non-local and Local Residents

(Measures 3.a and 3.b are based on the 2005-06 survey)
(Measures 3.c (i) and (ii) are based on the 2004-05 survey)

The 2005-06 survey was conducted with independent visitors at 16 provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Independent visitors do not include school groups, tours or other groups; after-hours visitors to facilities; people attending education programs; or visitors attending facilities for special functions. A multi-stage, stratified systematic random sample was used and each facility was sampled independently by trained Ministry field staff. A private research firm, Infact Research and Consulting Inc. was responsible for survey and questionnaire design, training ministry staff to coordinate and conduct the survey, data quality control, analysis and report preparation. Another firm, Alberta WP & Data Services, conducted data entry and verification. In total, more than 5,500 interviews were processed. Overall results were determined using the top two combined response categories of a five point rating scale for the categories: "excellent," "good," "neither good nor poor," "poor," and "very poor." Over 99 per cent of the respondents answered the satisfaction and the knowledge gained questions. The margin of error is +/- 1.3 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level. The Tyrrell Field Station was not surveyed in 2005-06 because it was closed for construction during the survey period.

The sample was based on two seasons, winter 2004-05 and summer 2005. Winter data were estimated from actual winter survey data collected for 2002-03, and adjusted to represent the winter of 2004-05. Surveying during winter is conducted on an occasional basis only, as the winter period makes up a relatively small proportion of visitation. Summer data were collected from May to September 2005. Measures 3.a and 3.b are based on the methodology described above. Results for measures 3.c (i) and (ii) lag one year behind the reporting year and therefore are based on the methodology for 2004-05. A detailed description is available in the Community Development 2004-05 Annual Report.

Demand Economic Impact Model (DEIM)

(Measures 3.c (i) and (ii))

Econometric Research Ltd. was contracted to apply the DEIM model to estimate the level of economic activity created by the operation of the Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Economic activity included the direct operational expenditures, incremental visitor expenditures (based on information from the 2004-05 Heritage Facilities Visitor Survey) and the significant indirect benefits for the local and provincial economies. The value-added economic impact and taxation revenue returned to municipal, provincial and federal government were measured and reported separately to assist in evaluating associated economic benefits. Taxes generated (e.g., income taxes, GST, liquor and tobacco taxes, room taxes, etc.) were attributed to the level of government receiving them. For example, the federal government receives the proceeds from the GST, the provincial government receives the room taxes and the local government receives property and business taxes.

Maintain and enhance Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Camper Satisfaction Survey

(Measure 4.a)

The survey includes a representative cross-section of 93 provincial parks or recreation area campgrounds according to size (visitation), management method and geography. Only automobile accessible campgrounds where visitation is greater than 1,050 occupied campsite nights are included. A random sample of adult campers is surveyed at approximately 24 campgrounds per year on a four-year rotational cycle. Although 24 campgrounds were identified to be surveyed in 2005-06, one campground was excluded from the analysis due to inadequate sample size and two campgrounds did not participate due to flooding. Overall results are determined through the combined response categories of "very satisfied" and "satisfied," the top two categories of a five-point rating scale. The sample size was 2,050, with data collected from June to September 2005. Results were calculated with Statistical Analysis System software. The margin of error is +/- 2.0 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Alphabetical List of Entities' Financial Statements in Ministry 2005-06 Annual Reports

Entities included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Ministry, Department, Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Access to the Future Fund[1]	Advanced Education
Agriculture Financial Services Corporation	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission	Health and Wellness
Alberta Capital Finance Authority	Finance
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board	Energy
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	Community Development
Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission	Gaming
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund	Finance
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	Community Development
Alberta Insurance Council	Finance
Alberta Local Authorities Pension Plan Corporation[2]	Finance
Alberta Pensions Administration Corporation	Finance
Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission	Energy
Alberta Research Council Inc.	Innovation and Science
Alberta Risk Management Fund	Finance
Alberta School Foundation Fund	Education
Alberta Science and Research Authority	Innovation and Science
Alberta Securities Commission	Finance
Alberta Social Housing Corporation	Seniors and Community Supports
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation	Community Development
Alberta Treasury Branches	Finance
ATB Investment Management Inc.	Finance
ATB Investment Services Inc.	Finance
ATB Services Inc.	Finance
Child and Family Services Authorities:	Children's Services
Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority	
Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
East Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services Authority	
North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Northeast Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Southeast Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Southwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Metis Settlements Child and Family Services Authority	
Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation	Finance
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Department of Advanced Education	Advanced Education
Department of Children's Services	Children's Services
Department of Community Development	Community Development
Department of Education	Education
Department of Energy	Energy
Department of Finance	Finance
Department of Gaming	Gaming

[1] Established July 10, 2005.

[2] Incorporated December 16, 2005.

Entities included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Ministry, Department, Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Department of Health and Wellness	Health and Wellness
Department of Innovation and Science	Innovation and Science
Department of Seniors and Community Supports	Seniors and Community Supports
Department of Solicitor General and Public Security	Solicitor General and Public Security
Department of Sustainable Resource Development	Sustainable Resource Development
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Fund	Sustainable Resource Development
Gainers Inc.	Finance
Government House Foundation	Community Development
Historic Resources Fund	Community Development
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund	Community Development
iCORE Inc.	Innovation and Science
Lottery Fund	Gaming
Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development[3]	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Ministry of Advanced Education	Advanced Education
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Ministry of Children's Services	Children's Services
Ministry of Community Development	Community Development
Ministry of Economic Development[3]	Economic Development
Ministry of Education	Education
Ministry of Energy	Energy
Ministry of Environment[3]	Environment
Ministry of Executive Council[3]	Executive Council
Ministry of Finance	Finance
Ministry of Gaming	Gaming
Ministry of Government Services[3]	Government Services
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Health and Wellness
Ministry of Human Resources and Employment[3]	Human Resources and Employment
Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation[3]	Infrastructure and Transportation
Ministry of Innovation and Science	Innovation and Science
Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations[3]	International and Intergovernmental Relations
Ministry of Justice[3]	Justice
Ministry of Municipal Affairs[3]	Municipal Affairs
Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency[3]	Restructuring and Government Efficiency
Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports	Seniors and Community Supports
Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security	Solicitor General and Public Security
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development	Sustainable Resource Development
N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd.	Finance
Natural Resources Conservation Board	Sustainable Resource Development
Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards:	Seniors and Community Supports
Calgary Region Community Board	
Central Region Community Board	
Edmonton Region Community Board	
Northeast Region Community Board	
Northwest Region Community Board	
South Region Community Board	
Persons with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board	Seniors and Community Supports
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Reserve Fund	Finance
Safety Codes Council	Municipal Affairs
Supplementary Retirement Plan Reserve Fund	Finance
Victims of Crime Fund	Solicitor General and Public Security
Wild Rose Foundation	Community Development

[3] Ministry includes only the departments so separate departmental financial statements are not necessary.

Entities not included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Alberta Foundation for Health Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund Board	Education
Improvement Districts' Trust Account	Municipal Affairs
Local Authorities Pension Plan	Finance
Long-Term Disability Income Continuance Plan - Bargaining Unit	Human Resources and Employment
Long-Term Disability Income Continuance Plan - Management, Opted Out and Excluded	Human Resources and Employment
Management Employees Pension Plan	Finance
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan	Finance
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Unregistered) Pension Plan	Finance
Public Service Management (Closed Membership) Pension Plan	Finance
Public Service Pension Plan	Finance
Special Areas Trust Account	Municipal Affairs
Special Forces Pension Plan	Finance
Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers	Finance
Workers' Compensation Board	Human Resources and Employment

School, universities, colleges and hospitals included in the consolidated government reporting entity on a modified equity basis

School Boards and Schools[4]	*Ministry Annual Report*
Almadina School Society	Education
Aspen View Regional Division No. 19	Education
Aurora School Ltd.	Education
Battle River Regional Division No. 31	Education
Black Gold Regional Division No. 18	Education
Boyle Street Education Centre	Education
Buffalo Trail Public Schools Regional Division No. 28	Education
Calgary Arts Academy Society	Education
Calgary Girls' School Society	Education
Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1	Education
Calgary School District No. 19	Education
Calgary Science School Society	Education
Canadian Rockies Regional Division No. 12	Education
CAPE-Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence Institute	Education
Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73	Education
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 3	Education
Clearview School Division No. 71	Education
East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools Regional Division No. 16	Education
East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3	Education
Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7	Education
Edmonton School District No. 7	Education
Elk Island Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 41	Education
Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No. 14	Education
Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 2	Education
Foothills School Division No. 38	Education
Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 32	Education
Fort McMurray School District No. 2833	Education
Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52	Education
Foundations for the Future Charter Academy Charter School Society	Education
Golden Hills School Division No. 75	Education
Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 28	Education
Grande Prairie Public School District No. 2357	Education
Grande Yellowhead Regional Division No. 35	Education
Grasslands Regional Division No. 6	Education
Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2	Education
Greater Southern Public Francophone Education Region No. 4	Education
Greater Southern Separate Catholic Francophone Education Region No. 4	Education
Greater St. Albert Catholic Regional Division No. 29	Education
High Prairie School Division No. 48	Education
Holy Family Catholic Regional Division No. 37	Education
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4	Education
Horizon School Division No. 67	Education
Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 150	Education
Lethbridge School District No. 51	Education

[4] The Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants has issued standards that require controlled entities to be fully consolidated line-by-line. In a transitional period to March 31, 2008, the Ministry is permitted to use the modified equity method of accounting. Under the modified equity method, the controlled entities' net assets and operating results would be included in one line on the Ministry's consolidated statements of financial position and operations, respectively. The Ministry has not yet included the financial statements of these controlled entities. In the transitional period, the government will assess when and how to include these controlled entities in the Ministry's consolidated financial statements. The financial results of these controlled entities are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Province of Alberta for the year ended March 31, 2006 on a modified equity basis.

School, universities, colleges and hospitals included in the consolidated government reporting entity on a modified equity basis

School Boards and Schools[4]	*Ministry Annual Report*
Living Waters Catholic Regional Division No. 42	Education
Livingstone Range School Division No. 68	Education
Medicine Hat Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 20	Education
Medicine Hat School District No. 76	Education
Moberly Hall School Society	Education
Mother Earth's Children's Charter School Society	Education
New Horizons Charter School Society	Education
Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10	Education
Northern Lights School Division No. 69	Education
Northland School Division No. 61	Education
Northwest Francophone Education Region No. 1	Education
Palliser Regional Division No. 26	Education
Parkland School Division No. 70	Education
Peace River School Division No. 10	Education
Peace Wapiti School Division No. 76	Education
Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7	Education
Prairie Land Regional Division No. 25	Education
Prairie Rose Regional Division No. 8	Education
Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No. 39	Education
Red Deer School District No. 104	Education
Rocky View School Division No. 41	Education
St. Albert Protestant Separate School District No. 6	Education
St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1	Education
St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 38	Education
Sturgeon School Division No. 24	Education
Suzuki Charter School Society	Education
Westmount Charter School Society	Education
Westwind School Division No. 74	Education
Wetaskiwin Regional Division No. 11	Education
Wild Rose School Division No. 66	Education
Wolf Creek School Division No. 72	Education

Universities	
Athabasca University	Advanced Education
The University of Alberta	Advanced Education
The University of Calgary	Advanced Education
The University of Lethbridge	Advanced Education

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Colleges[4]

Alberta College of Art and Design	Advanced Education
Bow Valley College	Advanced Education
Grande Prairie Regional College	Advanced Education
Grant MacEwan College	Advanced Education
Keyano College	Advanced Education
Lakeland College	Advanced Education
Lethbridge Community College	Advanced Education
Medicine Hat College	Advanced Education
Mount Royal College	Advanced Education
NorQuest College	Advanced Education
Northern Lakes College	Advanced Education
Olds College	Advanced Education
Portage College	Advanced Education
Red Deer College	Advanced Education

Technical Institutes and The Banff Centre

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology	Advanced Education
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	Advanced Education
The Banff Centre for Continuing Education	Advanced Education

Regional Health Authorities and Other Health Institutions

Alberta Cancer Board	Health and Wellness
Alberta Mental Health Board	Health and Wellness
Aspen Regional Health Authority	Health and Wellness
Calgary Health Region	Health and Wellness
Capital Health	Health and Wellness
Chinook Regional Health Authority	Health and Wellness
David Thompson Regional Health Authority	Health and Wellness
East Central Health	Health and Wellness
Northern Lights Regional Health Authority	Health and Wellness
Peace Country Health	Health and Wellness
Palliser Health Region	Health and Wellness

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Readership Survey

Community Development 2005-06 Annual Report

Thank you for reading the Community Development 2005-06 Annual Report. We hope that you will take a few minutes to complete this readership survey. We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Instructions: Please read each question carefully and circle the rating that best describes your response. If you require more space for your response, please use a separate piece of paper and identify the corresponding question clearly. If you have any questions, or require further clarification, please call Julius Salegio at (780) 427-5961 or send an e-mail to Julius.Salegio@gov.ab.ca

If you would like to be contacted regarding your feedback, please provide your information below.

Name:
Organization:
Telephone Number:
E-mail:

1. Having reviewed and read through the Community Development 2005-06 Annual Report, how would you rate it overall on the following characteristics? Using a scale of one to seven, where ONE is STRONGLY DISAGREE, FOUR is NEUTRAL, and SEVEN is STRONGLY AGREE, do you agree that... *(Please circle only one rating number for each statement.)*

	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree
I learned something new about the Ministry by reading this report	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
This annual report is easy to read	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
This annual report was informative and useful to me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The report has an appealing format/look	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I can easily find information that I am looking for	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I plan on using this annual report as a reference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Overall, this annual report meets my needs as a reader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

2. What areas or features did you like the most about this annual report?

3. What areas or features would you recommend for further improvement?

Please tear out this survey and fax it to (780) 422-3142 or mail it to Community Development Planning and Performance Measurement, 7th Floor, Standard Life Centre, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton Alberta, Canada, T5J 4R7

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